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Journal Kept onboard the
Ship Gratitude of New Bedford
1841 - 1845

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Saturday April 24th 1841 — Farewell for 3 y

Did adieu this afternoon at 2½ P.M. to my fr
Boston
and accompanied by my Brother took passage for N.Bd
in the Cars and arrived in N.B. same day at about
6 o'clock proceeded to my lodgings at Mr R Gabers
expecting to sail next Morning (Sunday) for the Pacific
but did not however being detained by the unexpected
death of the Mother of our Captain — which accident
detained us three days — Sunday 25th Being rather
low in Spirits I attended the Bethel Church and heard
a fine discourse from the Text Psalmy = They that go down
to the sea in Ships and do business on the great waters
returned home and occupied the rest of the day in
writing to some dear friends — Monday 26th —
Busy all day in getting together some little things
that would be of use and comfort during the voyage
towards evening felt quite unwell returned early after
having taken a strong dose of herb tea which Mrs Gabe
kindly made for me — had a very disagreable night of it
and arose in the morning but little refreshed and
still quite unwell, Tuesday 27th This was the day
set apart by the selectmen of New Bedford for the
funeral obseques of the late President they had quite
a fair day and the thing was conducted in good
style the Taunton volunteers, and the Boston Band
Band headed by that "prince of the Bugle" Mr
Edward Kendall added much to the Scene
I was not in health and Spirits to receive much
pleasure or consolation from the Scene before me
the Good folks of N.B. seemed to enjoy it well
— was something new for them quiet souls to have
a thing like Show. In the Evening the Boston Band
gave something like a concert free to all — at the
Masonic House as I had been housed nearly
all day I [illegible] to be [illegible] over to hear

a dearly for it as will be seen hereafter the
ing Mr Gooding our agent handed me some le
off which was from my Brother William the other
on one that is nameless. they afforded me some
comfort and their contents I hope will not be forgotte
by me. I retired at 10 P.M. and Spent a truly mi
night! Wednesday 28th At 3 a.m. I was
aroused by the Agent who told me that any thing
was in Readiness for Sailing. I was sick but not
wishing to dissapoint him, told him I would attend
to the Summons in half an hour and accordingly
accompanied by my Brother I proceeded to the Pilot boat
to be conveyed to the Ship Gratitude. which was to be
e on the rugged bosom of the waves to the distan
but Gentle Pacific this then thought I is to be my
home for years perhaps forever — with a heavy heart
I stepped on board and attended to Stowing my
chattels in about an hour after our arrival on board
orders was given to heave short. I have often heard the
order before but never felt it as at the Present time
It seemed to me like the Sentence of the condemn
Criminal I felt Sick! I was indeed Sick! and I return
to my birth from which I did not leave but for a
few moments at a time for the Space seven weeks. I kn
knew at times whether I should ever leave it again
vine. but a good Constitution. and the blessings of the
Almighty prevailed, and at the end of that time
I was so far recovered as to be able to be about
cks. I shall never forget the kindness I received
from some on board but I have said enough of
this affair and to sum it all up I have only to add
that it is dreadful to be Sick on board a Ship &
you are deprived of the only thing that can give
comfort to the patient viz the kind attentions of a
Our parts is in happiness our Comforts in

as I was unable to keep any notes of the proceed-
of our voyage during my confinement I have borr-
from a fellow voyager all the little incidents of
consequence to me in proceeding with my Journ-

Saturday May 1st
Crossed the Gulf Stream this day and expe-
very heavy weather during this and the three follo-
days could carry but little or no Sail during
the time saw several sails standing to N.E. with
a fair wind. Good luck attend them

Wednesday 5th. Took a fair wind and
shaped our course for the Grand Banks in
hopes of falling in with Sperm whales a
at this season of the year they are often
in those regions. We did not meet with any
did not see any signs of whales so after cruisin
about for four weeks thought it useless to waste
our time any longer. during our stay in saw
more or less Ships Barques Brigs Schooners &c
passing and repassing the most rugged weather
Hail which was not very comfortable for me

May 10th A large Steamer passed us this
day about 12 M. She was distant 2 miles
supposed her to be the President or some
other of her Class from New York to Liverpool

May 28th Have had disagreable weather
for some days past have seen several vessels
the last fortnight have not spoken any of them
until this day. when at 7 A.M. spoke the Ship
Flame of Liverpool bound to Quebec she was
this day at 12 M. in Latitude 47-13. North
Longitude 31-15 West. had it been a vessel be-
2 Notes I should have taken a passage

June 4th 1841

Fine breezes from the Southward This morning we spoke the Brig La Belle of Inderland - did not understand when he wo
ld for at the moment of her passing a flaw
uck him and carried away his Studding
l boom which made such a crash and the
sels drawing apart we could not hear any th
re She was a beautiful little craft I
t on deck for a moment for any thing like a chan
s directing to me. Then on the mending hand
Latitude 46-20 Longitude 32-06 W-

June 12th — Nothing of consequence
i this day when we spoke the Brig Sea
Warren Bound to Boston Europe we have
e weather which happens well for me now on
Mending hand - was weighed this day and
e that I had lost 19 pounds during my Illne
few weeks living on Salt junk will set me
sights again please God - and for which be ev
l himself and I trust a better man, we
e now bound for the Western Islands previou
- our doubling Cape Horn we are in hopes
- falling in with Whales soon as it is the wis
nd desire of the Captain to send home from the
Islands something in the Shape of oil as we
re out better than two months - I hope we sha
e successful and as I am again restored to
alth should we be fortunate I will if poss
on Shore the remainder of my life - From this
and I am in hopes to keep my notes now

1841

July 6th made the Island of Fayal one of the Group of Western Islands early in the morning we run in to the bay and sent a boat ashore we lay too the best part of the day. all hands engaged in stowing away potatoes, Cabbages Unions &c about 4 P.M. the Captain having finished his business ashore came on board and we went to sea. same evening ~~spoke the~~ Middle Ship Sharon Captain Lawrence in the bay 19 days from Fair haven bound to the Pacific Ocean. and a Portugese Sloop of War — Name unknown. wrote and sent home several letters Next day 7th at about 8 A.M. the land still in sight. saw a shoal of Sperm. Whales. it was very rugged but we lowered our boats and was fortunate enough to secure one. he yielded us 1162 gallons of oil. we were fortunate enough to strike 3 Whales but owing to foul lines and a tremendous heavy sea was obliged to cut from two of them and they made their escape with part of our lines and craft. we cruised about a week in hopes of falling in with them or some others. but not succeeding the purpose of landing our oil. arrived there on the 15th about 11 A.M. landed 8 casks of oil and proceeded to sea in the afternoon. Nothing of consequence occured until July 24th At. daylight made the Cape Verde Islands. altered our course and run pretty handy to them at 9 A.M. saw 2 Brigs steering to the Northward & westward, at 11 A.M. saw a large Turtle (they are plenty about these Islands) lowered our boat. and captured him he was a noble fellow took him on board, he weigh'd 320 lbs —

And going I should suppose large 10 knots. pr. hr
for that land of peace and plenty (North America)
our Latitude at 12 M. was 0° 22 South and at
4 PM. our Longitude was 28° 31 West. we wanted
to speak her for the purpose of sending our
letters home. but she was under too much
headway for us to come up with her at the
rate she was going she ought to be home accidents
excepted in about twenty five days. success attend
you boys may you be welcomed by all the endear
ties of Love and friendship

Monday 9th Being now in the homeward bound
track we saw several sails all headed to the
Northward and Westward and for several days
we continued seeing more or less. some steering to
the southward but most of them headed to N—

Friday 13th saw plenty of Fin backs and porpoises
towards evening saw a brig steering to the northward
we saw several sails and plenty of Humpback wh.
for several days. and as we calculated to cruise
on the ~~Abrolhos~~ Abrolhos banks ~~if~~ we was now (being in abou
the right Latitude) keeping a sharp lookout for
Sperm whales it being about the season they visit
this ground ~~our Latitude this day~~

Friday 20th at. daylight the mast head man discov
a Ship on our weather bow with her main yard
aback. as that is seldom seen at sea unless by
whalemen. (who generally leave the main yard abac
to lower the boats.) we kept our eyes upon her movem

we continued standing along and with the glass we perceived that the other ship had her boats down, at about 8 A.M. and nearly abreast of her our man at the mast head cried out. the pleasing sound there she blows! where away shouted the captain. 2 points off the lee bow. and not more than 2 miles distance there she blows! was heard (from a dozen voices, who had jumped aloft at the first outcry) some 15 or 20 times and the intelegence that it was a large Sperm Whale no time was lost in preparing the boats. and having run within a mile of the whale we luffed up to the wind with the main yard aback. anxiously waiting for him to make his reappearance on the surface. in about half an hour he showed himself about three quarters of a mile distant on our lee beam the boats was lowered and the chase began at about 9 A.M. on the second rising after we lowered succeeded in striking him. he sounded out nearly all the line and from a signal the other boats pulled to the fast boat just in time to bend on another line he took the second time nearly all of the two lines. or about 1200. fathoms. after rising to the surface of the water, he got in good sailing trim and away he went sounding and running for the best part of 5 hours. at the expiration of that time we got up with him and all hands in the boat madly ~~beat~~ at out and ~~put~~ in 2 more harpoons which brought him up. all standing the other boats coming to the rescue we soon made him spout what whalemen call the yellow flag (spouting blood) and he soon yielded. to the power of man. we ~~got~~ took him

along side secured him and went below to dinner it being then nearly 3 oclock, after dinner commenced cutting, and at sun down knocked off work got our supper, and set the watches for the night. he was a noble fellow the largest one I think I ever see, being fifty one feet around his belly, or seventeen feet through and about Eighty feet in length his Jaw measured 22 feet and contained 56 teeth which weighed from 1 to 4½ pounds each

Saturday 21st
At daylight called all hands got breakfast and finished cutting about 12. M. cleared up the decks and commenced boiling during the afternoon we saw 2 ships (whalers) to windward, plenty of Humpbacks in sight all day

Sunday 22nd
Continue boiling and setting up casks. saw two Sails on our weather beam and one to leeward all whalers. we have fine weather Light winds and plenty of work. Lat 18° 11' S Long 30° 2' W

Monday 23d
Finished boiling about 9 A.M. Washed ships. and the Watch went below. took account of the oil and found that he had made for us one hundred and twelve barrels. and worth about thirty three hundred dollars. a pretty good days work and we feel quite rich for the time out 3½ months and we feel quite rich for the time out

Tuesday 24th
Fine weather saw two brigs and one ship cruising. Humpbacks, Fin backs, Sharks and porpoises, plenty. nothing of consequence occured till Sept the 4th When we spoke the brig Charleston - Packet Captain Flanders 11 Months out with 220 bbls Sperm oil. to cruise 6 months more and then proceede home

Sept. 5th Sunday

For several days past we have seen plenty of vessels, but have not spoken any of them except the C.P. they are all whalers. but our Captain being a home body we have not had any chance for a Gam. (a whalemans phrase for company) we shall cruise here about two weeks more and then if nothing occurs. head for Cape Horn. no accident has as yet occured to any of us, otherwise than the ordinary ones of hats shirt &c, being lost overboad. these things at the begining of a voyage are an everyday occurence and nothing is thought of it. as most of the crews of whale ships are green and inexperienced. and they throw their things about as though they was on the old farm a sudden gust of wind comes and away goes the clothes. and who? a thot it! but they soon learn wisdom. this day we caught a shark he of course was quite a curiosity to some of our boys. the skin was taken off by some of the crew as it is much better than sand paper for some of their fancy work which more or less of them figure at during the voyage on the teeth of the Sperm whale as they employ a great deal of their spare time in making some little nick nacks. such as boxes, canes, letter stamps, paper folders bodkins and the like for their friends at home indeed I have seen some very handsome work on board ship. and the principle tool they use is their Jackknife. we have very strong trades and shall have probably "till the moon quarters after that we expect fine weather and strong hopes of falling in with more whales. our stay here if we do not see whales is short. all hands are anxious to get "round the Horn

Tuesday 7th Strong breezes with a heavy sea
Saw a ship to leeward Steering to the N.W. at
9 A.M. we were cheered by the cry of there she blows
which proved to be a large Sperm whale. one
point off our weather bow. we got our boats
ready as soon as possible and lowered away the
whale going quick to windward and a very rough
sea on for the boats. we could not make much
headway, after four hours hard pulling we
gave up the chase. and returned on board —
we saw nothing of consequence "Tile ——

Sunday 12th

We ~~saw~~ captured this afternoon a
fine Dolphin large enough. to make a mess for
all hands. which as a fresh supper was very acceptable
just before night set in we had a visitor and quite
a remarkable one. a beautiful little land bird —
about the size of a young Robin. he perched
about the stays until he rested himself. he was
quite tame, having spent about an hour with us
he bid us adieu. and shaped his course for the land
poor little fellow I hardly think he reached it
for he had a long journey to perform. being then
about six hundred miles from the nearest land.
on a former voyage we had a visit from one
them at a distance of one Thousand miles. from
land. as we was on our homeward bound passage
we tried to keep him. until we should make the
land but the voyage did not agree with him
and at the expiration of 3 days he died far
away from home, kindred, and friends ——

Monday Sept 13th

We have fine weather now and a fair prospect of a continuation for some days. Struck another Dolphin this afternoon which made a fine mess. for the after guard, the Captain Officers and crew are all in excelent health Latitude at 12 M. 18° 54' South. Longitude 35° 12' W. Nothing in sight worthy of remark for several days

Friday 17th

At daylight called all hands and commenced breaking out the main Hatchway for the purpose of getting up a supply of water for our passage round the Horn, and stowing away the Oil we had on deck, all of which was finished before dark. — — — —

Saturday 18th

Saw a sail on our weather quarter Steering about the same course with ourselves (S SW) she overhauled us about 3 P.M. and spoke She proved to be the brig Millman of Belfast bound to Monte Vedio. the Captain enquired our Longitude which being told, he thanked us wished us a pleasant voyage and proceeded on his way under all sail, which she needed very much, being at the best ~~but~~ a dull sailer —

Sunday 19th

as we are about leaving this Cruising ground, all hands are busy in preparing their thick clothes for cold weather which we expect to feel soon nothing in sight this day —

Monday Sept 20th

This morning commenced breaking our between decks for the purpose of getting our new sails, and fitting them for the yards bent the mainsail, Mizzen Topsail fibb and fore Topmast Staysail, and shaped our course for Cape Horn, our course being S.S.W. the weather which had been clear during the first of the day, began to set in thick attended with rain, and strong breezes as the sun is about crossing the line and the moon quartering we have some expectation of a rough time. Lat 22° 11' Long 40°

Tuesday 21st Light breezes from the Eastward with thick rainey weather, this morning at 4 a.m. saw a brig, exchanged signal lights with her as she passed us, at daylight she was in sight astern steering N.E. — — —

Wednesday 22nd Light breezes from the S.E. attended with a heavy scotch mist the best part of the day, the crew engaged in securing their chests and other chattels, for heavy weather for by the appearance of things we shall not be long without it, we have a fine strong ship well rigged, and a good crew, and are prepared for any thing, no observation this day, as the passage around Cape Horn, requires a considerable skill in seamanship I shall continue my daily notes as we progress. — — — — —

Thursday 23d At about 3 P.M. We had a severe Squall from the S.E. we had as much as we could

Attend to to secure our sails in time. however we succeeded and put the Ship under a close reefed Main Topsail Fore topmast Staysail and a fore and main Spencers, or as some call them Trysails it continued to blow a smart gale for about 12 hours when it moderated and we began to make sail, and by night we had our main top gallant sail on her, heading within 2 points of our course during the night it become quite clear

Friday 24th — — —

This has been a fine day to use a sea term it has been as clear as a bell, with light winds from the Southward. at 12 M. saw a sail on our weather beam. Bound to the South-ward — Lat 23° 38 South Longitude 39° 12' 15" West —

Saturday 25th

Light winds the best part of the day. with clear weather saw a Fin back this afternoon the first we have seen since leaving the abrohlos banks we entertain strong hopes of a favourable wind with the full of the moon Latitude 24° 31' = Long 39° 54' = ——

Sunday 26th

Fine pleasant weather still — with the Wind from the S.E. saw some porpuis and a considerable number of birds which however is not uncommon in these Latitudes Latitude 26° 03' S Long 40° 27' W — — —

We have got a tedious and very disagreable Passage to make and at a season of the yr when we can expect much favour from the winds. as [illegible] prevail generally from the S.W.

Monday 27th Light breezes with rain plenty and take it altogether we have had a very disagreable day of it nothing in sight and no observation, during the first part of the night the weather looking threatning we close reefed the main, and handed the Fore and mizzen Topsails and towards morning it began to breeze up pretty sharp from the East-ward. — — —

Tuesday 28th Made all sail at daylight and having a fair wind we made the most of it. set the Studdings sails and continued running through the day with fine weather, a fair wind and light hearts —.

Wednesday 29th Strong breezes with clear weather the wind hauled a little to the southward but we could head our course with a taught bowline by observation this day we was in Latitude 36°-18′ S. Longitude 43°. 17′ W —

Thursday 30th — — — — —

Strong breezes from the Eastward and with all sail set we are going large 9 knots pr. hour plenty of Porpoises in sight during the day struck one but did not save him. this afternoon we took in the bow and waist boats and secured them on deck as we expect squally weather off the river De la Plata we begin to feel quite a change in the atmosphere ten or twelve days with this wind will make cold work for the fingers, Latitude 32°-48′-5 Longetude 44°-16′ W

Friday October 1st

Fine weather with light winds at 10 A.M. saw a brig on our weather quarter steering to the Eastward our fair wind did not last as long however we are very thankful for it short as it was in these times the smallest favours thankfully received

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Saturday 2nd

The weather this day began to change its aspect at 12 M. it hauled to the Southwest and commenced blowing a gale and for six days we were unable to carry much of any sail saw plenty of Albatros and all sorts of Birds that are generally seen in high latitudes caught several Blue Jays and had a fresh breeze not having made much progress and nothing worthy of remark. It being thick hazy disagreable weather I shall pass the regular diary and commence again with — — —

Friday Oct 8th

We are now going ahead again with fine weather fair wind and as much of it as we want, this day it being very clear & some good observations and found ourselves in Latitude 40° 07′ S Longitude 58° 40′ W saw plenty of sea weed and some drift wood. the water had changed to a light green. hove aback at 4 P M. and Sounded but could get no bottom in 150 fath saw several schools of Whales. as none was of the right sort we passed them unmolested — — —

Saturday Oct 9th -

Strong breezes from the N. W. with fine clear weather took in our studding sails and reefed the Topsails we have had a fine run of it these 24 hours our Latitude being 43° 25′ Long 57° 11

Sunday 10th

Fair winds and fine weather still pursue with the wind on our quarter and our yards nearly square we are going [illegible] 9 knots pr hour. and Stow hopes that it will continue some days at any rate we hope for the best. the water being very green hove aback this afternoon and sounded out the whole of our deep sea line (180 Fathoms) but did not get bottom plenty of Kelp in sight during the day. Latitude 45° 0′ South Longitude 60° 11 West - — —

Monday Oct 11th.

The wind died away to a light breeze during the night. Towards noon it began to freshen up from the Eastward with some spits of snow the first we had seen. from the looks of the scud and clouds we shall not be long without something to occupy our minds. plenty of Kelp and birds visible at all hours and the weather very mild for this place. Lat. 46°-10'.5 Long. 61°-29' W

Tuesday 12th

No change in the weather except a flurry of snow every two or three hours during the day, we caught a large Albatross. the largest one I ever see he measure Fourteen feet from tip to tip. the manner of taking them is by baiting a hook with fat pork. make it fast to a thin slab of pine wood or shingle with about 8 or 10 Inches of line. that will keep it afloat. the weight of the hook will sink the pork about 2 Inches below the surface of the water. they seize it and hook becomes fast to their beak. you must then haul quickly. and in nine cases of ten you will succeede in hauling them on board. if your hook is stout enough (we used a large sized cod hook & line) the middle bone in the wing is about one inch in diameter and from sixteen to twenty Inches in length. and is used by the crew to make needle cases and many other little notions. I have seen a very good musical instrument somewhat resembling a fife made from these bones. they have a very sharp clear tone. I think I have seen one of them in Scudders museum New York but of smaller size Latitude 48°-01' South Longitude 62°-18'-0" West — —

Wednesday 13th

We have been favoured with a fair wind though light this day. we do not make much headway, but in all probability we shall drift around in time. the weather is remarkably mild for these high latitudes owing to the light Easterly winds which prevail (rather unusually) Latitude 49°-58' no observation this afternoon

Thursday 14th

Very thick hazy weather attended with rain. during this and the three following days we got no observations during that time the wind however was so that we could head our course and we went along under easy sail about three knots per hour — — — —

Monday Oct. 18th

The Weather began to clear up during the latter part of the previous night and at daylight this morning made all sail with the wind on our quarter at 9 a.m. got some observations. and found that the land was 64 miles distant or there abouts at 12 M. our Latitude was 54°-05'-S Longitude 63-38 W. at 3 P.M. the light haze having cleared up. we discovered the land 4 points off our le bow. which proved to be Staten land. at 4 P.M. saw a sail on our weather quarter steering S.E. by E. she proved to be a square rigged brig and by the course she was steering was bound "round the Horn at 6 P.M. the wind died away to a flat calm with remarkable clear weather, and we found a strong current setting to the northward about 2 knots per hour should we be favoured with the wind from the N.W. we shall soon be out of cold weather and in the pleasant breezes of the Pacific ocean god speed.

Tuesday 19th

At daylight saw the land and took our departure with light breezes from the Eastward and fine clear weather and a heavy swell from the southward which tells us we must keep a sharp look out for squals from that quarter Latitude 58°-35'. Longitude 64°-17' 45"

Wednesday 20th

Thick hazy weather with occasional flurrys of snow the Wind still hangs to the Eastward saw a shoal of Black Fish this afternoon. the wind at sundown was nearly up and down no observation this day.

Thursday 21st

These twenty four hours the wind has been all "round the compass first part rather clear, middle and latter part thick and hazy got some observations though not very correct by them our Latitude was 56°-10'.S Longitude 66°-24'-W.

Friday Oct. 22nd

The weather has become quite clear and cold with the wind from W.S.W. and a heavy running from the Southward so much so that is impossible for us to carry any press of sail we got some good observations this day and found ourselves in Latitude 57°-14 Longitude 67°-45' all we want now is a shift of wind and we will soon bid adieu to Cape Horn. for a year or two — — —

Saturday 23d

Strong breezes from the westward with a heavy swell from the Southward attended with severe snow squalls, the weather thick and hazy the best part of the time which — makes it very cold and uncomfortable. find however the best remedy for preventing colds and keeping anywhere within blood-heat. is good Flannel Shirts woollen Trowsers, Jackets Stockings &c for external applications. and to take internally once every four hours. a Tea spoon-full of the — Thompsonian hot powders. mixed with molassed and warm water it is a safe Medicine and we can recommend it highly as we have not had one single complaint of colds this passage. a thing rather remarkable. This is the seventh time I have doubled this Cape and we have always had more or less of the men hauled up with cold owing to the damp atmosphere and their being constantly wet the expense of these powders is small and will repay any shipmaster ten fold. as he will find his crew generally speaking on hand and at their posts of duty it is a dead set to the Cape Horn Fever. the worst desease I know of in high latitudes as it prevails most in stormy weather

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Saturday Oct 23d Continued — — —

Our latitude this day was 58° 11' South Longitude 68° 24' West. which brings us one degree and four miles West of Cape Horn —

Sunday 24th

Strong winds from W. N. W. with a heavy sea, early this morning we began to take in sail and at daylight we was under reefed courses and close reefed main Topsail Fore and main Spencers. it continued to blow on during the forenoon and at 12 M. took in the Mainsail the weather sick attended with hail and snow Alternately during the latter part of the day we are oblidged to make some to the South as we cannot head better than S. W. have not seen any Ice Islands as yet. Latitude 59° 35 Long 72° 28 and the most disagreable sunday since leaving home

Monday 25th

First part of these twenty four hours We had strong breezes from the westward with thick hazy weather. at 3 P.M. it hauled to the north-ward and commenced blowing took in the Fore and Mizzen Topsails handed the jib and reefed the mainsail at 7 P.M. it increased to a gale and we handed the Fore and main Courses the gale still increasing at 9 P.M. took in the Main Topsail and set the main Spencer close reefed. the only sails on the ship then was the Fore Topmast Staysail and fore and main Spencers (close reefed) it continued blowing very hard. with a tremendous heavy head sea running during the night — no observations this day. the weather was cold and attended with rain, hail, and snow and to add to our comfort we were constantly shipping seas which kept us all drenched during the watches

Tuesday Oct 26th

This morning The Gale began to break. but still blows hard at intervals of ten or fifteen minuets at 8 AM. set the main-Topsail close reefed and towards noon it moderated so much that we set the Foresail and mizzen Top-sail, at 12 M. found ourselves in the Latitude of 59° 15 South Longitude 74° 02' 45" west. At 1 P.M. the wind hauled a little to the South-ward. and at 4. P.M. wore Ship. and to the Northwest with clear cold weather — — — — — — — — — —

Wednesday 27th

First part of the day. thick weather with heavy squalls of snow took in the Fore and Mizzen Topsa At 12. M. it cleared up and and we made sail on her again the latter part of the day we had fine clear weather with every appearance of a calm. any change must be for the better as we have had head winds now for ten days and it is not very comfortable to be beating about in this cold climate. Lat 59°-24 Long 74°42

Thursday 28th

Six months from home this day and still beating about with a head wind and dull prospects. saw this day the root of an old Tree which propably has drifted from the South Shetland Islands We still continue to drag along under easy sail making a little to the Westward this afternoon we saw a Finback the first one I have ever seen in as high latitude as Sixty south and in the first watch at night see a large Shoal of Black-fish they showed no signs of fear but they was about the ship for more than an hour. — — — Latitude 60° 15 Longitude 75°-09'-15" west — —

Friday 29th

Strong breezes from N.W. still prevails and no signs of a change the weather Thick, dreary, and uncomfortable. so much so that I have hardly patience to keep my records towards noon and during the afternoon and first part of the night we had an occasional flurry of snow merely I suppose to give effect to the scene we are now placed in about as uncomfortable a situation as any reasonable person would wish for —

Latitude 60°-10'. Longitude 76°-16'-40"

Saturday Oct 30th

Thick cloudy weather during the day the wind hauled a little more to the South-ward towards noon, we tacked Ship and headed N.W. by N. Latitude at 12 M. 59°-43' Longitude 77°-49'.3 Snow and hail plenty during the latter part of the day

Sunday 31st

Strong breezes these twenty four hours from the Old quarter N.N.W. with thick squally weather, at daylight this morning wore ship and stood to the S.W. again, as the wind is as usual dead ahead for us. close reefed the Topsails and main course at at 2 P.M. it continued to blow on and at 4 P.M. handed the main-sail and made the usual preparations for a gale from the N.W. our Latitude this day was 58°-23' Longitude 76°-13'.86 W We lost better than a degree of Longitude the last twenty four hours heading N.W. by N. the Variation of the compass being about two points and our lee way three more making our true course N.N.E. this is doing a good business —

Monday Novr 1st

This is the first day of the month and a very disagreable one it has been. We have had as much as we could do to carry a close reefed main Top-sail it blowing a strong gale with a tremendous heavy sea running. wind from the N.W. No observation this day, supposed Latitude 59°-23'- Longitude 75°-46'— We have a dreary night before us. our clothes. all wet and in fact it would be of no use to put on dry ones (if we had them) for we are continually shipping seas. that would sponge all the Pilot cloth in Kilby Street in five minutes, so to make the best of a bad bargain, we must grin and bear it. there is one comfort left us-viz- we shall have a change bye & bye. and in the mild and gentle breezes of the S.E. Trades we shall forget Cape Horn and our troubles. this is the fourteenth day we have had

A Beautiful Poem

I do not wish to live. I never sought
With eagerness, as others seek, in vain,
That phantom, happiness! for I was taught,
When young, it dwelt not in this world; for pain
And care were my acquaintance when a child;
And I have always had a wish to turn
Away from earth; and death has worn a mild,
Not fearful aspect. Yet he has proved stern!

A something oft has whispered in my ear,
That e'en the faint deceptive, short-lived glow,
Which mocks mankind a moment here, would ne'er
Be mine; and it has told the truth, for woe
Has been my lot. Though I am young in years—
Though on my brow age has not set a trace,
Yet bitter cares have made their marks, and tears
Have channeled deep their passage in my face.

It may be that ~~that~~ I shall forget my grief;
It may be time has good in store for me;
It may be that my heart will find relief
From sources now unknown; futurity
May bear within its folds some hidden spring,
From which will issue blessed streams; and yet
Whate'er of joy the coming years may bring,
The past—the past—I never shall forget.

Can I forget the one who by my side
Grew up in love? Such purity and truth
Ne'er dwelt long on this earth. And so she died,
In the bright promise of her mellowed youth;
Can I forget? Whate'er may be my lot—
Whate'er futurity may bring to me,
Whether of weal or woe, O, may it not,
Dear Mary, bring forgetfulness of thee.

'Forgetfulness!' When death his seal has set
Upon my brow, and fixed my glazed eye—
When mute my lips, and when his breath has wet
My hair, and chilled my blood—when bordering nigh
The other world—and when I heave the last
Convulsive gasp—in that, my great distress
When all of life and earth are sweeping past,
In that Dread hour, come not forgetfulness!

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Farewell

Mary, farewell! The ready sail
Impatient flutters in the gale,
And I, the sport of fate's decree,
Am bound to realms beyond the sea
Farewell! The word than men bestow
An idle sound, on friend or foe –
That word for us to heaven shall bear
Our fervent wish, our mutual prayer.
But shall it be the only sign,
To cheer me o'er the wide sea brine?
Hath Love devised no better art,
Than speech for lovers when they part?
Say, hath the lip no other bliss
Than words, to give? O yes, O yes,
For one more near than friend or brother!
There – there! – Another O another! –
Farewell! – but Mary, not to thee;
Farewell, thou dark and moody sea!
O who would leave such joys as mine,
To brave the Stormy Ocean brine! J.H.C.

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The wind from the from the N.W. it is rather remarkable. as the winds in this quarter are generel from the S.W. a southerly wind is what we need very much at the present time. at 12 M. this day we discovered a shoal of Wargans they come close to the ship. and we succeeded in taking one of them on board they are commonly called by seamen Sea Wargan. they are a curious and interesting creature the head resembles a sea fowl ~~while~~ and is covered with small feathers of very brilliant colours. around the neck they are tipped with red blue and yellow. while the flippers (fins) and tail has all the appearance of the Seal they stand erect on deck and are easely domesticated a very interesting account. of one of them. that lived on board ship some nine or ten months. was published some years since in the sailors magazine. some writers say the wargan and Penguin are one and the same bird, fish, or whatever they may call them I have seen them both and although they resemble one another there is in my eye a visible difference — this one we had on board about an hour and then let him at liberty. as his mate was calling loudly for him all the time he was on board he however was perfectly satisfied with his visit. after putting him overboard they all got together again and if we might judge from the noise they made around us. we should conclude he was giving a very favourable account of his reception. 4 P.M. should the Gale continue we shall be obliged to take in the main Top sail The weather is very cold. but all hands have got used to it. and are in good spirits. — —

Tuesday 2nd

During the night it continued ~~to~~ blowing a heavy Gale. at 8 P.M. carried away ~~the~~ weather main Top sail brace band. which left the Yard with ~~nothing to~~ support it but the jeark rope. we had a dangerous and disagreable job to replace it.

Tuesday Nov 2nd Continued

At 11 P.M. the Gale was at its height the sea was very rough all night. stove in our lee bulwarks and done some damage to boats spars &c about deck. at 7 A.M. the wind hauled a little to the South and it began to moderate. so that we may Sail. the middle and latter part has been quite clear with the exception of an occasional flurry of Snow. that we have got used to and do not mind it

Lat 59-20 Long 7° 30' 18"

Wednesday 3d

Three cheers! my boys— We are at last favoured with a fair wind and plenty of it. at about half past two this morning while we were all engaged in a pleasant yarn about home and our friends. the Wind suddenly changed and slap aback went everything to the mast. we immediately put the Ship about and headed our course N.W. by N. with the wind one point free and as much as we cleverly stagger under with close reefed Topsails Fore and main Courses. and reefed spanker the watch went below at 3 A.M. at 7 it had become settled with the wind from the S.W. made sail during the forenoon and at 12 M. we was under all Sail and going about 8 Knots. the weather is severe but we can stand anything with such a fair wind the latter part of the day it hauled two points more to the southward attended with snow squalls we had a pull at the weather braces and eased off the Fore and main sheets. which made her stand more upright— (it has quite a different effect on our fair friends for to make them stand erect you must haul everything taught and belay) only give a ship a flowing sheet and she is off like Bobs horse. in the first night watch while the boys were talking about cold weather &c one of them a son of the Green Isle. told them cold as it was he would jump over board for a pair of thick trowsers which being accepted he made a rope fast to himself and over he went

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Wednesday 3d Continued

Our Latitude this day was s 8-38 and at 4 P.M. our Longitude was 77°-29' West. should this breeze last half as long as the one did from the N.W. we shall be out of the reach of snow and hail and cold Weather— if there is any situation in in life uncomfortable to man. it is sitting at the lee earing of a Topsail yard in the latitude of 60° South with a stiff hail or snow squall from the S.W. he has no lee. not even the lee of a rope-yarn. to sheild him. but must face it sometimes for half an hour. those only who have been in such a situation can form any Idea. of its beauties— We have not yet had any cases of the cape fever although some of our boys look rather blue. but courage my lads and you will go bravely through it.

Thursday 4th

At 3 A.M. the wind hauled to the old quarter N.W. tacked Ship and headed W.S.W. the weather overcast with rain and sleet plenty during the forenoon. it cleared up a little towards noon. and got some observations our Latitude was s 6°-49'. Longitude 79°-33' 00"—

Friday 5th

Thick hazy weather during the previous night. with light breezes from the N.W. at 8 o'clock this morning the wind had worked round to W.S.W. we tacked Ship and headed to the N.W. again. during the forenoon it hauled to the Southward. checked in the braces and headed our course N.W. by W. one point free— and going about six knots or thereabouts the best part of the time. Lat 56°-33'. Long 81°-29'-15" if the wind stands. we shall after this night steer (by Compass) N.N.W. which will give us a true North course. the variation being about 2 points. our chance for a leading wind grows better as we draw down with the land—

Saturday Nov 6th

First part of the day the wind was nearly up and down at about 9 a.m. took a light breeze from the Eastward at 12 M. we was in South Latitude 55° 41 and in Longitude 82-30 45' West— the weather the latter part of the day has ban a mixture of hail and snow with a good Top Gallant breeze and with every asperance of a leading wind. We are now Pother side of land (as sailors call it when to the Northward of Cape Horn) with a long tedious voyage before us but a good ship good Officers good men and last (not least) good luck we shall I trust weather it and return Laden with the Spoils of the Ocean to our home and friends

Sunday 7th

At 4 A.M. the wind hauled to the South-West with clear weather a bright sun, and cheerful ~~faces, it was~~ the pleasantest day we have had for these three weeks and one that was very much needed our rigging looked like some Country Farm Yard on a monday morning. Jackets Trowsers Shirts &c &c in every direction and they all got quite dry. The weather is not so sharp as it has been. a Southerly wind is the coldest but then we generally have the Sun ~~and~~ the sight of which in these latitudes makes a differance of several degrees in our feelings— the breeze has been light during the day and with Make we have gone along about Five knots it is fair however, and all we go. is towards warm weather Lat 54° 41— Long 83-11— We are far enough to the Westward and our course now is due North and with a breeze we by this day weeks will be able to throw aside our Cape Horn Dunage for the more comfortable ones. Duck Trowsers Check Shirts and light Hats. woollen—

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Sunday Nov 7th Continued

Is very comfortable, but a Sailor dislike any thing that is heavy about his person when he is at work. Duck Trowsers and Frock is his hobby in them he is perfectly at home — — —

Monday 8th

This day we have had fine pleasant weather with the wind from the S.W. and a good breeze - got out our boats and Spars - and are all ready to commence business on a grand scale. we are all **OK** and eager for the sport - this afternoon saw a large number of right whales they are not the right sort for us so they passed on Latitude 52° 20' Longitude 82 47' 15" Course N.N.W.

Tuesday 9th

First part of the day, wind from the S.W. towards noon it hauled to the Westward took in our Studding sails and braced the yards up nearly Sharp - our Latitude at 12 M. was 50-12 this afternoon it being thick and hazy. did not get any observation but supposed our Longitude to be about 82-30. the wind the latter part of the day has been W. so that we can just lay our course N.N.W. on a bowline we are however doing well, with light breezes we make one hundred and thirty or Forty miles per day to the northward — Captain S— very unwell this day - he looks quite sick and has for some days past. but he has kept the deck until to day, during the night we had a fine breeze - going 9 knots. the best part of the time —

Wednesday 10th

Fine breezes from S.W. to W.S.W. during the day. the Ship making Seven knots. ~~the best part of the time~~ for four we are drawing into moderate weather fast our —

Wednesday Nov 10th — Continued —

Latitude at 12. M. was 47°-23' Longitude 81°-41'

this has been a very mild day — with a bright Sun and gentle breezes. everything looks Cheerful and Gay except the Captain. who is as cross and crabbed as a wolf. he is quite sick and we must make some allowances for that. Sickness on shore with friends to serve and assist us is bad enough. while at sea it is almost past endurance I have proved it by experience this voyage. and know how to feel for a fellow being in such circumstances — but then for a Captain to be sick it is worse than all for it would be high treason for any one to ask him how he felt or offer any advice or assistance. (except the mate or steward) for the commanders of whale Ships in general. consider themselves a sacred person the decks are hardly large enough to contain some of them. ours Captain is an exception. however, when he is in good health he is a tolerable fair man. and one I think that is well calculated to make a good voyage he has been Master of a ship these twenty years and has always been very fortunate. god grant he may be this time. for my sake as well as all concerned. I shall then bid Adieu to them all well satisfied with a whole skin and sound limbs — a speedy voyage is all I ask. for I am — heartily sick of a sea life. should I live to perform this voyage I shall have spent the best part of twelve years at sea. and have in that time seen a variety of changes — Quite enough! and while I am in the humour I will state my views — respecting the many accounts heard on shore of the cruelty and hard treatment experienced by (of cruelty) Seamen on long voyages. — many instances I have witnessed. which I omit for urgent reasons I shall only here state the causes. and leave it for more

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Wednesday Nov 10th — Continued —

Experienced seas than mine — Captains officers and the greater part of the crews engaged in the Whale fishery have a very limited education. the cause of that defect is severly felt by many. and it is simply this. they are sent to sea at a tender age. for a long voyage. the places they visit during their absence are of the worst discription. the Spanish Main the Islands in the pacific particularly the Sandwich and society Islands. the inhabitants (or at least those that the crews form any acquaintance with) are of lowest and most depraved order. — they are thrown (in 9 cases out of 10) into the company Drunkards, land Sharks, and prostitutes their — morals receive a shock not easily shaken off (although it may not in ale cases be perceived by their friends on their return) and as early impressions is lasting — they are not likely to mend. in habits or principle — and in that state of blissful ignorance. they advance in the regular routine of office until they ~~advance~~ get the command of a ship and their motto is in general, — what I do know was beat into me and I will do as I have been done by. to all under my command and the best part of them carry it out to the very letter. I have seen cruelties on board ships that makes my blood chile within me to think of them. — and I sincerly believe that the captains of whale ships at the present day are the most cruel and unfeeling men (at sea) of any class of people on the face of the Earth they admit of no law save their own wills. there is a great deal for the seamens societies on shore yet to do before they advance the happiness of Poor Jack.

I spoke particularly of the sandwich and Society Islands. Notwithstanding the brilliant accounts we receive at home from the missionarys of the good order, conduct and morals of the natives. I must here state (and I state the truth which could be proved by Hundreds)

Wednesday 10 Continued

And I have visited the Islands several times. I have never seen any of their morality: and were decency permit. I would lay before my friends the facts. ~~that would astonish~~ and facts that the missionarys themselves are knowing to, at the time they are preparing their accounts for publication in the States for the purpose of raising Money—

The fact is there is too much money raised at home for these purposes, which might be better expended amoung the poor and needy of our own country. Monies sent to these Islands. to speak plain— goes to enrich a few instead of promoting the happiness of Many. indeed there is not a crowned head head in Europe that lives in more splendor or has more sway than some of these men of god. (as they call themselves)— My opinion is that men in their situations as Christians should visit every ship. or at least have suitable places to receive Our men and treat them as they are treated at home— receive them like Christians— instead of which they pass you without even a nod. as being too much below their notice— a little kindness on their part would create far diferant feelings towards them and be of vital importance to our countrymen visiting those places. I never knew of but one of those men that I thought acted from pure motives of Christianity. that man was the true sailors friend in every sense of the word. (Mr Deal. stationed at Wahoo. he died on his passage to the United States ~~some~~ in the year 1840). in the death of that man our seamen generally. but more particularly those engaged in the Whale fishery. have sustained a loss. that I fear will never be replaced. I hope yet to see a monument raised to his memory by the Seamen of the U S

Thursday Nov 11th

Fine breezes from the S.W. with clear weather our Boats and whaling Gear being all order. we began to our look out at the masthead it is rather cold up in that region. it is customary and I suppose all for the best. - at any rate it is a change - and variety is pleasing. So says the proverb — Latitude 45°-03' Longitude 80°-39'

Friday 12th

This day commenced with Strong breezes from the Westward weather thick and rainey at about 10 A.M. it cleared away and the Sun was visible - changed our course to N by W. which brot the wind one point free true course N. 3/4 East - Lat. at 12 M. 42.48 Long. 79°-14' during the latter part of the day we had a good top gallant breeze - Several Fin-backs and a school of Porpoises - The Captn is better than he has been for several days past and quite good natured withall

Saturday 13th

Gentle breezes from the S.W. ship making about Six knots - with fine weather at 12 M. we were in Lat 39°-49' Long 79°-03' - at 6 P.M. saw a Breach - (a breach is caused by a whale throwing himself out of the water from which cause we hear from the look out at the masthead There she breaches!) on our Starboard Beam we run in that direction but did not see it again it being near Sun down. Supposed it to be a Sperm whale. whatever it was. it is evident it was not for us. So we hard up the helm. and continued on our course N by W for Callao. as is supposed by all hands from what drops from the Captn while in conversation with the Mate

Saturday Nov 13th — Continued —

In fact the man at the helm says so. and that is quite sufficient for the forecastle gang in general knows where a ship is bound before any one aft capt: excepted — I hope it may prove correct for I long to get my foot on the land once more — and should we visit that place. I shall probably hear from home. any news from that quarter will be received by me with pleasure. I shall continue my Journal during this passage. but on cruising Ground. shall be more brief mentioning only occurences of Interest — — —

Sunday 14th

Another fine Sabbath — with the wind from S.S.E. we are this day running under all sail about six knots. dead before the wind. with a very smooth sea Latitude 37° 41' Longitude 79° 17' — This afternoon we saw a great number of Birds — could not divine the cause for some time. at about an hour from the time we first see them the riddle was solved The Mast head man shouted out. at the top of his voice — a dead Whale on the Starboard beam We immediatly put the helm a port. and run within half a mile of it — it proved to be a Carcass of a large whale some three or four days old it was evident that somebody had been taking off his jacket. (blubber) having satisfied ourselves we pursued our course again to the North. and It it hardly warm enough to throw aside our woollen clothes yet. it is evidently a great deal warmer than we have had it since doubling Cape Horn. another weeks run like the last and I think thick

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Sunday Nov 14th —Continued—

Thick clothes will stand a poor chance as we have gone about Eleven hundred miles the last seven days mostly to the northward (as will be perceived by refering to the latitudes which I have given daily) For myself I always wear woollen under garments and I think if Seamen in general while at sea would make it a practice. they would not so often be afflicted with that painful desease—Rheumatism—as woollen dries up the moisture occasioned by perspiration and leaves the body warm. whereas Cotton or linnen becomes damp and cold as the perspiration ceases and being next to the Skin often causes pains in the bones. which by degrees—become Stiff and finally becomes confirmed rheumatism. more or lep seamen that I have sailed with every voyage has been afflicted with this painful desease. Sleeping in deck in the open air at night is also very injurious to health and should be avoided as much as possible—

Monday Nov 15th

At daylight the cry was heard from aloft. of Sail ho! whereaway shouted the Officer of the deck four points off the Starboard bow Sir! was the answer—as she drawed along a beam of us we made her out to be a ship. Steering to the South-ward (For Cape Horn probably a pleasant passage to you my lads may you have better luck in getting "round than we did)

After breakfast turned to and sent up the Fore Top Gallant mast, rigging, and crossed the Fore Top Gallant Yard. Sent out the Flying jib boom the rigging belonging to this Spar being new-could not get it to its place—we set it up however Temporary. to wait for a warmer day)—at 12 M. Our Latitude was 36°-43' Long 79°-30' this afternoon the Starboard watch. sent up the Mizzen Top Gallant mast. set the rigging up taught crossed the Yard and bent the Sail. this forenoon we had a slight accident occur. (While hoisting the Fore Topsail Yard. (which had

Monday Nov 15th Continued

Been lowered on the cap for the purpose of sending up the Fore Top Gallant mast) the chain tie— parted down come the runner block and in its fall struck one of the men on the head and cut a gash about an Inch in length but fortunatly not very deep. the blow knocked him him senseless— he was immediatly carried aft the wound washed the hair shaved off some balsom and an adhesive plaster put upon it and in about an hour he was at his usual duty, for a sailor you must know is no man if he cannot take a joke— the weather has been overcast all day with a steady breez from the S E blowing about six knots

Tuesday 16th

This morning about 4 A.M. discovered the Land four points off the larboard bow twenty miles (or there-about) distant. at Sunrise we was within twelve miles of it (to the Eastward) It was a beautiful morning and as the sun gradually emerged from the world of Waters on her daily Journey presented to our view the beautiful and romantic Island of Juan Fernandez its fertile valleys and high broken mountains towering far above the clouds of mist that encircled its base. as we continued our course— at about seven o'clock A.M. neared the land so much as to be able to distinguish the cattle browsing along the sides of the mountains and the thick mantle of mist having cleared away the whole Island in all its splendor met the eager gaze of Officers men and boys who when lounging about in different parts of the ship well satisfied with loosing an hour or so of their Watch below to get sight once more of anything that bore any resemblance to the home they had left—

Having satisfied ourselves as to the correctness of the Chronometer and other nautical instruments we proceeded to the northward with a fair wind and all sail set. at 12 M. Latitude 33° 30' Longitude 78° 40' at 2 P.M. saw the

Tuesday 16th Continued.

Island of Massafuero off our larboard quarter bearing about W by S during the afternoon saw several Schools of Blackfish - as we are now in comfortable weather the crew is busily engaged in repairing the rigging and bringing the ship in neat trim for port - at 6 P.M. saw a sail on our larboard bow. steering E.S.E. probably for Valparaiso - it is now twenty Eight days since we left Staten-land. Which (considering the time we were off the Cape) is quite a good passage for a dull Ship

Wednesday 17th — — —

This has been a busy day for all hands stripping ship of all her Cape Horn suit. sails rigging &c. and bending in their stead. our light cruising sails. broke out for them early this morning. overhauled and repaired all that needed it. which operation occupied the best part of the forenoon - commenced after Dinner (Larboard watch forward Starboard watch aft) at five P.M. Courses, Topsails, jibs &c &c were nicely stowed away in the Sail-room. not to be used again (except in cases of emergency) till we are homeward bound that finished we got Supper and the watch was set - this has been a delightful day with light breezes from the S.E. and the sea as smooth as a mill pond our ship proves to be a tolerable - Sailor. with a free Wind. and She is as steady as a clock. Latitude 32-01- Longitude 77°-52-09

Thursday 18th — — —

At Daylight this morning the Watch on deck commenced overhauling an old main-sail that needed some repairing - they had just got well seated and spinning a yarn (in an under tone) when the thrilling cry of there she blows! was heard.

Thursday - Continued — From the mast-
head man (whereaway) cried the Capt.ⁿ (who had
just broke water) 3 points off the Starboard bow. Sir —
and - there she blows! again. Sing out every time -
Aye! aye! Sir — there she blows! ~~and~~ they are Sperm
Whales Sir. That's right my lad says the Capt.ⁿ —
everything was laid aside, Studding Sails hauled
down and the Yards braced up - on a wind. The
usual preperations made - the crews of each boat
busily engaged in getting in the Lines the boatsteerers
carefully bending on their craft and the word was
then passed all ready to lower-away Sir - There goes
Flukes! shouted the man at the mast head about two
miles off. we immediatly hauled up the mainsail
and hove the main yard aback - as it would be
some twenty or thirty minuets before they would be
up again - and every-thing being O.K. orders was
given to the Cook and Steward to get break-fast down
as soon as posible. (that takes but a very short time as
we have no beef steaks or mutton chops to broil)
got our break-fast.ˢ and down went the four boats
in Chase - The whales was bound to the Wind-ward
and after a long pull of four hours we give up
the chase and returned on board the Ship. took up
the boats braced forward the main yard and
stood along on the Wind till 12 M. when not seeing
anything more of them - we hauled up the mainsail,
squared the yards and continued on our course N by W
with the wind nearly astern. Thus ended our first
Whaling exploit in the Pacific Ocean - It was rather
a damper to be sure but we live in hopes of being
more fortunate bye & bye. Lat.ᵈ 30°-40' Long.ᵉ 77°-43' —
Saw a large Sun-fish and a school of Blackfish
this afternoon but did not trouble them - as we
like some folks at home) fish for higher game —

Friday Nov 19th

Light breezes from the Southward with clear weather, several Shoals of Blackfish in sight during the day about 10 A.M. saw a sail on our larboard beam Steering to the N.W. Latitude 29°-33'- Longitude 77°-21'-45" W.

Saturday 20th.

Light breezes still prevail from the South-ward with fine pleasant weather which is not unusual between the latitudes of twenty and thirty South. Last evening was by far the pleasantest one we have had since leaving home not a cloud (except the magellan clouds) to be seen and the moon then on her second quarter lent her silver light to its beauties and we were enjoying a sight which poets (and Poetesses) of all nations have bestowed so many just encomiums upon. And at Sea it was truly sublime a gentle ripple only was visible on the face of the wide Ocean. rolling slowly along before a breeze of three knots. ~~I then myself entirely~~ I was sitting in one of the weather boats during the first watch at night busily engaged in recalling to mind some of the pleasant and I may add happy evenings I had spent at home the previous winter - with friends I had not seen for some nine or ten years. the kindness ~~of~~ with which I was treated by those I had almost believed had forgotten my existance ~~was a dream~~. the tender greeting from some dark eyed maiden recollections of the past all these and a thousand others brought sensibly to mind the Change - but a change is effected in a short time. and we have one of much shorter date. for Instance - it is only ten or twelve days since we were ~~encoun~~ the storms of Cape Horn. Cold wet and disheartened - but such is life - and man proud man I must submit - not my will, but thine be done. all hands are busily engaged in ships duty during the day - doing and undoing is a Sailors daily toil

Latitude 28°-08' Longitude 77°-28'

Sunday Nov 21st

This has been a grand Gala day the crew made their appearance nicely washed, shaved, (those that had any thing to shave) and with clean duck trousers and thin shirts it has been a beautiful day - and from it we shall date the regular South East trades. we are now quite sure of a good run to our port of destination (Callao) bearing about N.¼E. Eight Hundred miles distant This day week in all probability we shall be at an Anchor in callao bay - Spoke the plough - nothing in sight this day save the blue above and the blue below, Latitude 26°-37 - Longitude 77°-19

Monday 22nd

This morning at daylight called all hands and commenced heaving out for the purpose of coopering our Bread and Flour as is the custom two or three times during the voyage - got through about six o'clock P.M.

It was a fortunate thing for us that we did it at this time as the Flour was stowed in bulk from four to six barrels in casks and it had got quite slack a good hammering has no doubt put the velo on our having musty duff for if our Flour gets musty on any of our provisions in future, we have only Hopson's choice so it stands us in hand to keep a good look out for our Grub - We have had a good run these twenty four hours having gone one hundred and fifty two miles to the North-ward Latitude 23°-51 Longitude 77°-12

Tuesday 23d The weather thick and overcast the crew engaged in taking down the rigging. at 4 P.M. saw a sail on our weather quarter steering to the Westward - no observation this day

"Wednesday Novr 24th

Light winds with fine weather
Finished taring down and cleared up the decks
- got our Water Casks up and bechocked them for
rafting as soon as we get into port. saw several
Fin Backs and plenty of Tropic birds during the day
have been quite busy all day having had on board
a Blacksmith Coopers and Carpenters Shops in full
opperation each one hammering away. Lat 20-18 -
— "Thursday Nov 25th - — — — — — —
This is Thanksgiving day at home and
while our friends are Eating their Roast Turkies,
Chickens, Geese, Pumpkin Pies, and other meeties and
enjoying themselves with ~~&~~ Sleigh Rides, Balls,
Parties, and all the other et cetera's. We poor —
are beating the Wash - with plenty of work and
a scant allowance of Salt horse. (I would call
it beef if I dared). here's changes again - A year
ago this day. and I was enjoying all the good
things of the season in the city of Portland Me.
as I was returning home after a journey down East-
on a visit to an only Sister. One that I had not seen
for better than Nine years and to whom I was unknown
as I was quite young when we parted, the change
from youth to manhood was so great that I was
not recognised by her. when asked by her husband
(to whom I had made myself known) if she knew who I
was. She said. the features were familiar but She
could not call me by name - She did not dream
that so near a relative was at hand, ~~and~~ when he
informed her who I was. she burst into tears and fell
almost senseless into the open arms of an affectionate
and long lost
Brother one whom She had long considered as dead
I cannot describe my sensations at that moment. She
presented to me at that mature age the living Image of
a dearly beloved Mother. as I last saw her. tho now cold in
death! (My Father. that Kind good indulgent old man
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Thursday Nov 25 Continued —
Paide the debt designed by nature to all. but Five
Weeks previous to my return - the voyage Prior to
this.) Imagination must finish the Scene, it wants
the pen of my highly gifted Townsman Willis to
do it justice. I shall leave it with my best
wishes to all my friends (and foes if I have any)
may they ~~be~~ enjoy health and prosperity in this
and eternal happiness in the world to come —
Latitude 18-46 S° Longitude 77°-12 W !!!!!!!!

Friday 26th — — — —

Fine Weather with light breezes from E.S.E -
we have had gentle breezes now for three weeks so
that we could carry all Sail we have not handled
a top Gallant Sail since leaving Juan Fernandez
This afternoon we captured a fine Sea Turtle. if
he had been one day sooner we might have had
a thanksgiving dinner, as it is he will come off
tomorrow which is just as well, as we are not very
particular and be quite a treat after eating
Salt Junk. nearly seven months Lat=17°20=Long=77°24

Saturday 27th

Fine weather with light breezes from S.E.
at daylight saw a school of Black-fish close to
the Ship during the forenoon saw plenty of Porpoises
~~and~~ small fish, and Squid the first Squid I had ever
seen alive they are about the size of our largest
Lobsters and resemble them in colour and shape
I have heard of some of them being larger than
a Whale but never see them and am inclined to
think it a fish Story. the Spermaceti Whale and
Blackfish feed entirely on these fish, at 12 M.
Our Latitude was 15° 50' Longitude 77°-20-30

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Saturday Nov 27th Continued

Quite Strong breezes during the latter part of the day. Our Turtle dinner was OK it was well cooked (a remarkable occurence on board ship) and there was no mistake but what it was well worth the trouble of lowering away a boat. The ocean during the afternoon was alive with its finny inhabitants. Fin-backs Blackfish Porpoises & Spouting and jumping about like a pack of young urchins just released from school at 5 P.M. saw the Case* and Small of a Sperm Whale, the Case had been bailed and from the size we judged it to have belonged to a large Whale. *The case is part of the head and contains from one to twenty barrels of pure Spermiciti it varies according to the size of the fish. It is bailed with a bucket (made for the purpose) having a long rope at the bail which is rove through a block, ~~which~~ and is hauled up by those on board. This is the second Carcass we have seen this side of land —

Sunday 28th — — — — — —

At daylight the cry of Sail ho! was heard from the mast head. and as she was directly a-head we overhauled her about 8 oclock She proved to be the Ship Pocahontas of Sisbury Mass. 14 Months out with Seven hundred & Fifty barrels of Sperm Oil. and three small Whales along-side she was cutting them in when we spoke her, looked over our letter bag and found letters for Captn Smith who came on board and spent the best part of the day or until 3 P.M. when we raised a school of Sperm Whales about half a mile off just under our lee. we immediatly lowered our boats. our Mate being aboard the Pocahontas (as is

Sunday Nov 28th Continued
Customary in gaming) Capt Smith lowered our
Larboard boat for his chance our mate
taking his chance in the Pocahontas boat. the
chances however proved as the whales
was as wild as march hares. we could not
get within gun shot of them after pulling for
about two hours we give them up and Shaped
our course for our respective Ships. took up
our boats and stood along under easy sail
during the night we Shall probably be more
fortunate next time Lat at 12 M. 14°-06=Long 77°-12
and the Land in sight bearing E by N ——

Monday 29th — — — — —

At daybreak this morning raised a school
of Sperm Whales one point off our Weather bow and
about one mile distant. we immediatly hauled our
main yard a-back and lowered our boats and with
Sails and paddles it being quite calm succeeded in
getting within a cables length of them (they being very
moderate and going to leeward) when up come a large
School of Porpoises among them which set them
a going eyes out. tried them a spell with sail and
paddles but not succeeding took our sweeps but
did not meet with any better success so after four
or five hours hard pulling and all hands nearly
beat out. (as we was pulling constantly from the time we
took our oars) we give up the chase and returned on
board, the ship when we started on our return was
twelve miles to windward of us - which of course
was quite encouraging after pulling several hours
but their was no help for it - so we made the best
of our way and hoisted up our boats just as they
Struck Eight bells (12 oclock) - Lat 14°-04=Long 77°-03'

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Monday 29th Continued

Our Latitude and longitude has not varied but a few miles since yesterday for when we are cruising we generaly keep about the same ground as whales do not change much for several days we have been very unfortunate in lowering This is the fourth time we have been down and not broken black skin Well! well! it is a long lane that has no turn — Saw three whale Ships in sight this afternoon — —

Tuesday 30th — — — — — —

Nothing worthy of remark except on Speaking the Ship Zenas Coffin of Nantucket. 16 Months out with Sixteen hundred barrels of Sperm oil She has been very lucky having obtained nine hundred barrels the last five months She reported the Ship Maria of Nantucket. twenty two mos out full and gone home this was cheering news to us as it was plain all the whales were not dead yet, and our chance for the living ones is as good as anybody's four Ships in sight at Sundown — no observation —

Wednesday Dec.r 1st

Strong breezes these twenty four hours four different Ships in sight at 12 M. we stood in to the Nand & this day in hopes of falling in with some whales, did not succeede — about one o'clock the cook (a Portuguese) was taken in a fit and fell on deck. he had three strong turns in about half an hour, and very severe ones it taking four strong men to hold him (either of which would hold him as easy as a child at any other time — never saw any one in such a fit before. he says he is subject to them every year or two) we took about a quart of blood from him which brought him to. he was quite well towards Sundown with the exception of being weak. Says he feels better this evening than he has for several months he had been complaining for several days. Lat 13-12 = Long 77°-11 — —

Thursday Dec.r 2.ond

Fine breezes and delightful weather two Ships in sight to leeward — at 12 M. made the land which proved to be Los Amigos Point about thirty miles to windward of Pisco — Stood well in Shore and tacked Ship about five oclock Stood off Shore during the night see several Humpbacks during the afternoon Latitude 13-8 S Longitude 76-37 W

Friday 3.d

At daylight tacked Ship and headed in Shore at 12 M. Latitude 13-35 Stood N.E till sundown, then not having seen anything and being in want of Fresh provisions Squared the Yards and headed N. by W. that being the Course for Callao, distance 87 miles. we had fine weather and light breezes during the night —

Saturday 4.th

Thick hazy with light breezes — at 7 A.M. saw a Brig Standing to the Eastward at 12 M. it cleared away and the Isle de San Lorenzo was in sight directly a head — we made all Sail to get to an anchor before night — owing to the lightness of the winds as we neared the land could not get in so hove her too under three topsails for the night at 6 P.M. saw a large Ship Standing out of the bay and one on our lee bow Standing in Lat 13-42 at 12.m

Sunday Dec 5.th —

At daylight the land (Isle de San Lorenzo) was in Sight bearing N.N.E. made all Sail and run for it with the wind two points free at 8 A.M. we opened the harbour and the Shipping began to show itself the wind being very light did not make much head-way until the Sea breeze Struck in. which brot us nearly on a bowline at half past twelve we come to an anchor in Eight Fathoms of water (48 feet) —

Sunday Dec 5th Continued — —
And directly under the the lee of the American Sloop of War Dale Captn Grant. She is a beautiful craft to look at but not a very fast Sailor. She had as fine a looking crew as I ever saw all young men and the most of them native americans. The store Ship Relief was also to an Anchor and a fine brig of War (French) the Adonis together with about twenty Sail of English French, American, Chilian and Peruvian Merchantmen. After handing our sails and getting dinner the Captn with his boat went ashore the rest on board took (as we had nothing to do it being Sunday) a Watch below. I employed my time in writing to my friends at home — — —

Monday 6th — —

At Daylight called all hands and commenced rafting our casks for Water and succeeded in getting two rafts on board before night. In the Evening some of the boys went on board the Whale Ship New England. and had they said quite a sociable gam. She being out twenty three Months with 1250 bbls of oil. our folks had a great deal of news to tell them about the election and death of the President, the times, and last not least - the Girls! (God bless them) —
(Sold 257 Gallons of Sperm oil this day)

Tuesday 7th — — —

Finished our Watering and got it all stowed under hatches and decks cleared up. about 4 P M. after Supper those that had a mind went ashore and spent the evening. they returned about 11 oclock well pleased with the excursion. It is certainly a pleasure to set ones foot ashore, after being shut up for seven months on board Ship. our friends at home know nothing of its beauties this is quite a place now all bustle and confusion which ~~makes them~~ is owing to the war with the Bolivians —

Wednesday Dec 8th — — — — — —

Very busy all day in landing goods and getting our recruits on board we could not have happened in here in a better time for trade it being war time is quite brisk — Dried Cod fish selling for 10.00 pr hundred (fishermen look at that) Powder of an ordinary quality selling for 30 cts ℔ other articals such as Soap, Tobacco, Sperm Candles + Cie Looking Glasses, Liquors, Loco Foco Matches, &c in like proportion. I have mentioned these articals, as a mercantile almost all our Merchandize sells nearly as well with the exception of dry goods which can be bought here nearly as cheap as at home. ——

As I intend going to the city Tomorrow for two or three days. and nothing going on, on board Ship. (it being Feast day ashore) I shall of course omit my notes for the time being — and commence on my return with a sketch of my rambles ——

Thursday Morning at about 9 A. M. went ashore accompanied by my friend J. L — took a stroll about Callao and engaged horses to be ready at 12 M. — as we intended to get dinner before starting — as I have stated before the country was engaged in war and as there had been several robberies committed on the road we thought it best to be provided in case of need so took with us our Contingent friends — at about 12 we started and our horses being good we was not long in reaching the city situated about 8 Miles Eastward of the Sea port (Callao) the road is an excellent one being about 70 feet wide and as hard as a house floor — what a place for a rail Road. four tracks might be laid (if needed) and leave plenty of room for the passage of Mules horses &c &c ——

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The scenery all along is delightful within a mile of the Eastern Gate of the city you pass through the Alameda a beautiful promenade each side of which is shaded by a range of Stately trees. the Gardens each side are filled with Orange Lemons Peach and various other fruit trees. on passing the gate our pasports were demanded by the officers which being Shown and examined, we received orders to pass. on. and in a short time we were in comfortable quarters at the Golden Ball a fine public house. and one that most of the Europeans stop at during their Stay in the city. after recruiting ourselves. we took advantage of a fine afternoon to take a walk and see what was to be seen. I shall give as near as I am able a Geographical discription or something like One —

The beautiful and romantic city of Lima the capital of Peru is situated on the southern bank of the River Rimac. it was founded by Pizarro A.D. 1535 and is now (1842) consequently 307 years old its situation is admirable commanding a full view of the plain wherein it is placed and is enclosed on three sides by hills and mountains of considerable elevation it stands about 500 feet above the level of the Sea, and has at the present time about 65 000. Inhabitants - of all sorts — —

From the observatory of the Hotel I had a fine view of the city, River, Mountains, and hills to Eastward the bay of Callao, Isla de San Lorenzo together with the road. and the blue waters of of the Pacific. Westward I counted between 60 and 70 churches and some of them are magnificent. I visited several of them amongst others the famous Cathedral. which alone occupies 5½ acres of land and forms the Eastern side of the grand Square

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The church bearing the name of St. Augustine is decidedly the most beautiful work our side I have ever seen. all the Saints &c in the Calender adorns. this structure in rich Carved work. their is several others. that still retains much of their originial beauty amongst which is the Churches of San' Domingo, Santa Rosa, San' Francisco, San' Lazaro' St Sebastain and St. Peter the last is by far the best finished inside. one half of the rich useless trash contained in this church would feed all the beggars in the city for years. in going my rounds I fell in with a number of the Friars of different orders and if I might judge from their looks I should say they lived upon something — besides their faith they were the most healthy and robust people I met with and looked better fit to carry a musket that some of the half Starved State Soldiers — did not see any of the Nuns —

The whole city is enclosed by a thick wall well flanked by bastions at a suitable distance — from one an other. The Stores are well filled with Merchandize particularly those about the Square (or Pálázá) this square is one mile and a quarter around it. and has in its centre a Splended Fountain — Richly ornamented, from which is constantly — flowing from so different Spouts) the best and most healthy beverage in the World. viz Water in its purity)

The public walks around the square are paved with small bones (of the deer and Sima) which from the variety of forms in which they are laid gives them a beautiful appearance several trades is in operation on each side of the walk. I noticed some fine specimens of weaving Gold lace Chains suspenders &c &c — The houses are generally of two Stories with flat roofs and adorned with balconies of various discriptions —

Some of the houses of the rich have beautiful gardens connected where flowers of various kinds are reared I noticed some of my favourite plants all growing in natures flower pot. Heliotropes, Cactas Wall flowers, Verbenas, and some splendid Callas the largest I ever saw in full bloom. — — —

The Bridge is one of great Strength and beauty It is about 40 feet wide and nearly 300. feet long and is supported by three arches the center one being very large those on the side being smaller from one end of the bridge to the other are Tables filled with all sorts of Trinkets and other little Jim cracks they are generally kept by females and I should think they made a good business of it. as most of the country people pass in to the city over this bridge.

Their is at present some forty or fifty Public Coffee Houses in different parts of the city, most of which are kept on the European plan and with few exceptions are owned by Italians. Their was no place of public ammusement open during my stay. owing to the death of their President (Gomoro) who was killed in battle on the 19th or 20th of last month in an engagement with the Bolivians under the command of that famous Napoleon of the day Santa Cruze — the news of which arrived here only a day or two ago I collected what I could respecting it which is as follows. On the morning of the 19th or 20th of Nov: the Peruvians were suprised by the enemy it being very thick and hazy. they did not dream of their being so near but as the fog cleared away the Peruvians found themselves completly surrounded by the Bolivians who with several Eighteen pound Cannonades loaded with grape and canister was cutting them to peices, hundreds of the Peruvians falling at every fire it is said that Gomoro and his men fought like Lions and the accounts prove it for out of an army of 8000. Men only 11 escaped

The President was found on the field after the Battle with Seven Lances through his body Their was a deep gloom thrown over the city on the receipt of this news and the continual tolling of the bells was enought to damp the spirits of any one.

The stores of the city were not allowed to be opened until 9 o'clock in consequence of the Summons of the new President (Mandalay) for all the citizens to be in readiness at a moments warning for the defence of the city as most of them liable to do Military duty. are Store keepers they did not open until they had been through their drill exercise — The first morning after I arrived the new President reviewed them in person in the great Square. they turned out between 9 and ten hundred fine looking young men — accompanied by a Band of 47 Musicians the best band I ever heard several of the marches played by them I had heard by our Bands at home — they aint a circumstance to how! — — — —

The Male inhabitants are of rather a swarthy complexion. of fine figure and address very fond of Billiards Cards &c. Gaming appears to be their chief ammusement. — — — — — —

The Females are beautiful and no mistake!!! their magestic gait and fine expressive features together with the Sweetness of their voices, their gentle deportment and kind attention to Strangers and a thousand other excellencies render them truly charming Indeed they lack but one thing to be perfection entire - they are certainly lovely. but loveliness without its Copartner Virtue is a poor recommendation for a female — Their dress is the best for the female form I ever see. the Si'á man'tá (a something in the shape our ladies make the skirts of their outer garments)

Sets off their beautiful forms to a charm. it is very pliable and is fastened around the waist with Springs and are made so as to fit any person of any size — they are very expensive the cost of them varies from 8 to 100 dollars - their dress otherwise is rich some of them wearing Scarfs which cost from 3 to 5 ounces (an ounce is 17.00) they have generally small feet as that is considered by them a great mark of beauty - their Hair is parted from the center of the head and hangs in two braids over their shoulders half way to the ground, most of the Ladies wear a Silk covering or Mask (in the Street) on the head which is secured by a band round the waist all that can be perceived of the face is the left eye-black and sparkling - I asked a Gentleman (an American resident) the cause of so many of them concealing their faces - he laughed and told me it was so that their husbands or friends could not recognize them - if they should happen to meet! as I have done with the discription of the Ladies I shall go on again with Lima — — — —

There is between three and four hundred Streets in the city those running East and West have a Stream of water which carries of all the filth and keeps the city healthy. Some of the ruins of the great Earthquake of 1786 is still visible both here and at Callao 3800 of the Inhabitants of the latter place and 1300 at Lima together with 27 Sail of Vessels was destroyed and a great deal of damage done otherwise -

There is several Coaches running between the City and Callao and as I had seen all that was possible to see and finished my business - took a passage in the Volach at 9 o'clock Saturday morning (they travel with six horses three abreast) on my return - see nothing of consequence until we stopped at the half way house to rest the horses I there saw a Side Saddle of the most beautiful workmanship. Never beheld it belonged to one of a party of Ladies that was on their way to the Sea port for the purpose of enjoying the Salt water baths — the rails around

The seat was of Solid gold as was also the step the ground work was of Purple Velvet with a crimson fringe and flowers worked in Gold and Silver all the harness was inlaid and studded with Gold the cost of the whole could not be less than one Thousand dollars. — — — — —

Having rested our beast. we proceeded on our Journy and arrived at Callao about 11 oclock — after having got dinner we took a boat and went on board Ship and here ends my discription of the most beautiful, ancient, and romantic place I ever visited and I will here add a wish for the health and prosperity of the inhabitants, and a speedy change in their religious opinions. that — change once effected and you will be classed amongst the Virtuous inhabitants of the Land

Saturday Dec 11th 3 P.M. — — — —

Orders was received from the Captain (on Shore) to get the Ship Under Way - which was immediatly done and about 4 P.M. he come on board, and we bid adieu with some regret to the hospitable shores of Peru — We lost one of our Crew in port. he left us on Thursday night and we heard nothing more of him. I hope he has done better, but I doubt it much as most of the run-aways on this coast are miserable beings he was an Irishman about 22 years of age of no education. whatever, he worked (and I believe his) freind. live in Lowell Mass. we Shipped in his stead. a Frenchman. a steady man. and one of good information. he Speaks the English French and Spanish Languages, and is recommended as a first rate Sailor if he proves a good Sailor. we shall gain by the exchange. for the one that left us was as green — as the green eyed monster!

Sunday Dec 12th

Light breezes during the night at 2 A.M. made the Island of Pelado which is about a degree from Callao - during the day see several Sails bound to the Southward and Eastward - as we shall cruise probably on this coast some time I shall only mention whatever occurs of note - as the ordinary occurences on board Ship on Cruising ground are nearly the same each day - Monday 13th — —

This day we struck and saved a large Sun fish. they are capital eating and the oil that the liver produces is said to be a sure cure for the rheumatism. the fish when cooked tastes very much like our Lobsters at home; so much so that it would take a good judge to decide which was which — — — — —

Saturday Dec 18th — — — —

We have had fine weather and light winds during the week - at 3 P.M. Spoke the Ship Ganges of Nantucket 4½ months out we had no letters by her. the Capt (Pitman) came on board and brought several Papers, but none later than July - they were news to us - I got one of June 4th containing presidents Tylers Message and an account of the loss of the Steam Ship President - I shall read them all through before I give them their departure. — — — —

Friday 24th

We have had fine weather with light winds have seen nothing worthy of remark until this afternoon at 3 P.M. Spoke the Ship Timoleon of New Bedford 24 [illegible] out with 1200 bbls Sperm oil. She was bound on the coast of Peru -

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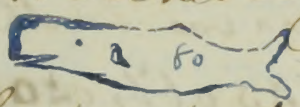
— This day we lowered our Boats and took a Black-fish which made us about 90 gallons of oil we have been sailing to the north-ward and Westward for nearly three weeks over good whaling Ground but as yet have seen nothing but porpoises and Blackfish — so this day we changed the scene a little and lowered more for Sport and exercise than anything else succeeded in — capturing one as stated above we are now nearly on the Equinoctial Line again have cruised here about a week we shall haul out to the Southward — again and are in hopes of seeing something our Latitude this day was 0°-29' South Long 109°-15'-45"

Wednesday 19th



Fortune has favoured us when we least expected it at 4 P.M. this afternoon the cry of thar she blows! was heard from the look out at the mast head — it proved to be a Sperm Whale we got every thing in readiness in a jiffy and as the time was short, the wind light and the whale a-head about a mile off going to Windward we down boats and gave chase, on the second rising after we lowered we was fortunate enough to strike him. the Sun then about 15 minuts high he Stove the boat that first struck him but as thar was others at hand which he was probably not aware of (as he laid on the water like a log) we soon had six harpoons in his body and in twenty five minuts from the time we struck — we had him dead it was lucky for had he Sounded as they usualy do the probability is we should have had to cut from him or this are not

Wednesday Jany 19th ——— ——— ———
A safe plaything for an evenings amusement
took him alongside about 9 P.M. and set the
watches for the night= Lat S°- 29-5' Long 113°-29' W

Thursday 20th ——— ———————

At daylight called all hands and
commenced cutting — finished at 12 M. and
began to boil which occupied us until Friday
at 9 P.M. he was very fat. and yielded us
Eighty Four barrels of oil. The ice is now broke
and I hope We shall find Whales plenty this is
the first one we have seen since leaving Callao.
should we be fortunate enough to see them we
shall get a voyage without doubt. in a short time
shall probably cruise here some time ——

Sunday 23d

Spoke the Ship Minerva Smith
of NewBedford 24 mos out with 1350 bbls oil
saw two ships this day, the other proved to
be the Hobomoko of Falmouth 18 mos. out. 1000.
the Minerva Smith reports a number of
ships on the off shore ground about a
low state as regards Oil. Lat 4°-50' S Long 114°-29'

Sunday Febry 6th

Nothing of consequence has occured on
board the last fortnight. have had fine weather
crossed the line twice. seen Blackfish porpoises
&c plenty as usual on the line, and all hands
busily engaged doing=nothing.= This day the
scene changed a little for the better. at about
10 A.M. we was cheered by the cry of There she
blows! which proved to be a Sperm whale —

Sunday Feby 6th — Continued ——

About three miles to leavard. we immediatly got our boats in readiness, lowered away and gave chace and was fortunate enough to strike him on the second rising after we left the ship he soon yielded to our superior judgment. took him alongside and commenced the usual operations of flaying — and finished before dark. set the watches for the night and so ends the day ——

Latitude 02°-30' South. Longitude 119°-41'-15" West

Monday 7th — — — — — — —

Commenced boiling at daylight and was occupied until Tuesday morning 8 A.M. when we washed ship and the watch went below took account of the oil and found we were Sixty Five barrels ~~better~~ off. and a little nearer home than a few days previous. we have now about three Hundred barrels on board. being a little more than nine months out. — Shall cruise six or Eight weeks more on and about the line and then Shape our course for the Sandwich Islands to take in our recruits for a season on Japan —

We are now nearly two months out of Callao have been on good whale ground all the time but have not seen them but twice. during the time we have been fortunate for the whales seen. but very unfortunate in not seeing more. perhaps better fortune awaits us on Japan. if it does not we must make up our minds for a long voyage which I dread to think of — — — — —

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Thursday Feby 10th ——— ———

We come near having a dreadful accident to relate this day viz- one of our boys on the look out at the Mizzen top Gallant head fell and had he not been lucky enough to catch the main Top Gallant brace in his fall would in all probability have been dashed to pieces- as it was it was passed of as a joke and he got a severe repremand for not holding on better- for (says the Captain) you will be down some of these times and be breaking them boats- and then I I shall raise the d— with you- do ye hear!

We have had plenty of rain for several days past seen nothing of consequence until ———

Thursday 17th

At 8 A.M. raised a shoal of Sperm whales lowered our boats and gave chase they going quick to windward did not succeed in getting fast. after two hours pulling give them up and returned on board hoisted up our boats and continued on our course (N W) - at 11 A.M. the cry of there she blows! was again heard - which proved to be a large Sperm whale we immediatly headed the Ship for him and after the regular Spouting he turned flukes and we hove aback waiting for him to make his appearance. but a thick squall enveloped us for two hours and we saw no more of the whale after it cleared away we braced up the yards and stood on the wind but not seeing any thing we again squared the yards and headed our course. our Latitude at 12 M was 0° 13' miles South of the line. Longitude 124°-34'-0"

Thursday 17th Contin[ued]

At 2 P.M. We was again cheered with the cry of "There she blows!" on our Starboard beam luff'd up to the wind and bro't the whales one point on our lee bow stood along about an hour the wind being light and we not making much head way towards the whales we down boats for the chace but did not succeede any better than at our previous attempts after a hard pull of three hours we returned on board were beat out as one might expect. for my part I had much rather be at home along side of a good fire with some dark eyed merry-less maiden — but never mind times will alter bye & bye. and then girls stand clear!

At 6 P.M. raised a sail on our weather bow headed for us with all sail set studding-sails royals and every thing that would draw we hove aback and waited for her to come down, which she did in grand style, and she proved to be the Brig Delaware. Capt Carter from Boston bound to Wahoo (Sandwich Islands) with several passengers, (missionarys I suppose) as she crossed our stern I saw the first sight I have seen these ten months — a Yankee Lady and her babe a playful little urchin he hailed us with his juvenile Halloo! the Lady greeted us with a smile, and the Captain and Male passengers wished us success and a speedy return home — we did not board her but —

Thursday Feby 17th Continued ——

Shall probably see her as we shall put away for Wahoo in a week or ten days, I shall visit her on our arrival as she has late news from home having sailed six or seven months since we have - and it will be a fine opportunity to send letters to our friends at home. ~~Home~~ that word gives me the blues and I must stop writing for the present ——

Friday 18th

Fine Weather with light breezes at 6 P.M. Spoke the Ship Parker of New Bedford 30 Mos out with 1900 bls of Sperm oil - She was under the charge of the mate having lost their Captain, Sherman, a few days previous. he was taken out of boat by the line while fast to a whale and was never seen again from the moment he went overboad the boats were on the spot for two hours, his hat came up about five minutes after he went down, the probability is that when he fell he come in contact with some of the other whales and being caught in the jaw was hurried into eternity, he left a wife and one child in N.B. and was married but three weeks before sailing in the Parker, - in the midst of life we are in death

Saturday 19th

We again Spoke the Parker and furnished the new Captain with some articles that he was in need of and after Spending the evening together parted company Lat 1-27 S. Long 125-46-45 W.

Wednesday 23d

Having seen nothing worth staying about this place, we this day put her under all sail for the Sandwich Islands Lat. 0-12 miles South — We have fine weather with steady breezes from the Eastward — plenty of fish around us for several days so that we have good living now being pretty well tired of Salt Junk Long. 129-19-30 W.

Friday 25th Lat 2°-08. N Long 132°-40-17" West
Course NW by N

We this day commenced standing the regular sea watches, as the weather began to wear the aspect of squally weather which we shall probably have for several degrees the fish still continue to hang around us, they are good sailors as a specimen I will relate a little occurrence which happened on board of us to day, one of the hands hooked a fish last Tuesday but he being a good sized one parted the line and went of with the hook and about a fathom of line this day we struck the same fish with the grains, (small Iron) he having the hook and line still attached to him. We had sailed in the mean time upwards of four hundred miles — on a previous voyage we had a shoal of dolphin playing round us for several days. I threw over board a small iron ring as useless, several days afterwards we caught one of the dolphin and on opening him I found my ring in his pouch — I had read when a child a story of the fish and the ring — but I never 32 till then, had any faith in the Yarn, that set the thing to rights, Oculars proof is proof positive I have the ring still, and I have found a use for it several times.

Sunday February 27th

We have had very disagreable weather since Friday night blowing half a gale of wind all the time, with a rugged sea and rainy weather— the wind is from the Eastward and of course fair for us to run. This day at 12 M. saw a large Sperm Whale about 3/4 of a mile distant. where he come from or whither he went no one on board could tell we lowered our boats however and was down about an hour when not seeing any thing of the whale. we returned on board, it was very rough in the boats and we were glad to get on board ship. it was impossible to see a Spout any distance. so we continued on our course N W b N— with reefed Topsails Jib and courses. Lat 6° 19' N Long 136° 19' ~~45'~~ W

It was clear to the Northward this Evening and we saw the North Star— I long to see it again on the other side of land— it is then the home Star of the Wanderer to see it in this part of the World, and Steering to the North-ward, O! don't mention it

Tuesday March 1st 1842 — —

We have had very Strong winds since Sunday so that we could not carry much of any Sail, since 12 M. this day it has moderated some, set the mainsail and fix about 2 P.M. this day we caught an albicore. weighing 85 lbs he was a pretty good haul. the Boys have been engaged for the last five or six days in catching and salting fish— as they find a ready exchange for them at the Sandwich Islands. for Hats fruit shells &c— they have several hundred of them ready for trade— it is fine Sport for them, besides getting

Tuesday March 1st Continued

A Good tuck out in the eating way and sells the supplies for many little articles of great use to them on the voyage, this day we had quite a feast. four different courses come off in grand style = viz = Fish Chowder, Baked Fish, Boiled Rice and last! a fine Monsters Face. (Hogs head) that was what I call doing the clean thing for Sailors By the appearance of the weather this afternoon we have got pretty well through the rains and shall probably have good weather with strong trade winds the rest of the passage - took the regular N E trade winds yesterday which brings us nearly on the wind Latitude 9°-27 N. Longitude 136°-47'-15" West

Thursday 3d

The weather has at length become settled with fine Winds from the N.E. and a strong current setting to the Westward plenty of porpoises in sight the latter part of the day, the fish has about all left us, they do not like the Northward course any better than some of our folks this side of Hong Latitude 12°-33' N Longitude 141°-07'-0" west

Sunday 6th

Fine weather with strong breezes from the Eastward for the last two or three days we had three men poisoned this morning with eating fish that was dried and hung in the mizen a dose of Salt water set them to rights in about 33 Six hours the Symtoms are Swelling in the face arms and legs, with large white

Sunday March 6th Continued
Spots on different parts of the body and
Sickness at the Stomach fish dried with the
moon upon it at Sea - is sure to produce this,
at 12 M. raised a whale spouting about a
mile to leeward as he turned flukes we
had eny reason to suppose him a sperm
whale and accordingly lowered our boats
so as to be on hand for him at the next
rising in about ten minuts he made
his appearance, when lo! and behold it was
nothing more or less that a Humpback
which had strayed into the Northern ocean
the boats were immediatly recalled and
the Ship proceeded on her course W.N.W
had this been the first of April it would
have been a capital joke, Lat. 16-18 N Long 143-39 E

Tuesday 8th
Sent down the fore top Sail! mast
and rigging and stowed them away as they
are not much use. and as it blows like Jehu
sometimes about the Islands at this season
the weight is much better carried on deck
than aloft. Lat 19-40 N Long 150-59 W shall
probably make the land Owhyhee tomorrow
afternoon if the breezes hold good. I want to
get in as soon as posible. for several reasons
in the first place we shall get something fresh
to Eat and a chance of sending letters home
if we do not soon the dear creatures there will
think we have forgotton them, which I assure them
will be doing us great injustice as the thoughts of them is our daily occupation

Friday 11th — owhyhee south side

The last two days has been thick hazy and very disagreable weather did not make the land as we expected owing to that cause, made but little headway until this day when it began to clear away. made all sail and stood on our course. at 5 P.M. raised the land owhyhee one point on our Starboard bow. the bearing of the (m being) W by S½S. and about 90 miles distance. stood along during the night W.N.W. with a good breeze saw several fires on the mountains. supposed to be some volcanic eruptions. of which this Island abounds. saw a sail standing W by S.

Saturday 12th

At daylight (a fine morning) took our departure from the North point of the Island and shaped our course for Mowee our destined port, had a fine view of the Peak of Owhyhee which was towering far above the clouds the top covered with mountains of snow the year around, a grand contrast having fine warm weather below the height is estimated at Fifteen Thousand Eight hundred feet above the level of the sea and has been seen at the distance of one hundred and ninety miles, I have myself seen it one hundred and Eight miles, at night we got under the lee of Mowee and hove to for a fresh start in the morning and shall probably get to an anchor by noon tomorrow

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what different feelings it would produce, where is that land of Liberty! Peace and Plenty (America!)

Tunday March 13th

At 4 A.M. made Sail and stood in for the Anchoring ground with a light breeze from the S.E. took a pilot at 6 Oclock and at 10 P.M. let go our Anchor in 18 Fathoms of Water and about one mile from the Shore. several ships all Whalers in port (see list of Ships) — Monday 14th Engaged in washing Ship and getting ready for painting which together with becketing our Water casks occupied the day. Three ships arrived this day making in all 9 Sail. we have plenty of Company as the principle part of them are Americans

Tuesday 15th Commenced at daylight and sent our water casks on Shore after Breakfast began painting. we finished painting and got our Water all on board before dark this is what I call doing a good days work. None but Yankees can do it for it takes an Englishman or Frenchman three days to do the same work they have so many long yarns and bottles of grog to get through with that it is a thing impossible for them to work like our enterprising countrymen our work being about all finished the crew will commence their liberty tomorrow I shall then give a brief sketch of Morvee and its inhabitants — —

Wednesday 16th Starboard watch got ready this morning and in due time went ashore to amuse themselves for the day. two more ships arrived during the night so that the boys will have plenty of company. as most of the ships have part of their crew ashore each day those on board Engaged in getting of recruits —

Thursday 17th

This morning got myself ready and proceeded on Shore. which appeared much the same to me as in former years. I did intend to give a discription of the place. Inhabitants Producting &c. but shall omit it this time as we shall visit these Islands again before we finish our voyage and I wish to collect all the Information respecting them in my power. as the good folks at home has never had a correct account. I mean to give one true and Impartial. to the best of my abilities —

Having fallen in on Shore with several of my old School mates had a my pleasant day of it our school boy pranks were all talked over. and I almost imagened my self sitting under the strict but Kind eyes of my old tutors Messrs Snelling, Emmerson and Davison. those were the days of mirth and happiness. days! never to return. we little dreamed them of ever meeting together on the heathen shores of the Sandwich Isles. but such is the changes of the wayward fate of man. towards Evening went on board the Ship Luminary took tea spent an hour or two and returned to my home and so ends my first day on Shore —

Friday 18th

Busy in getting potatoes Yams Onions. Beans. &c &c for our cruise on Japan. cleaned up the decks about 4 P.M. in the evening several friends called on board and we spent quite a sociable time. as we are the latest Ship from home in port we have the most company by half 35
9 more sail arrived this day making in all 14 —

Saturday. March 19th 1842 —

This day and up to Sunday the 27th the crew was ashore one watch (Each day) the others were engaged in getting our recruits. I enjoyed myself quite well considering the place! but more of that by and bye — Have made quite an addition since we lay here to my store of Books my friends having sent on board quite a number among others Scots life of Napoleon - Riches - translation of M Victor Hugo's Slave King, Tales of my Landlord Waverly, The Maid of the Mist and Ivanhoe. by Scott. The wept. of wish Ton wish and the Pilot by Cooper. Some of Madame de Genlis Moral Tales, and several volumes of Captain Marryats. works viz Peter Simple Jack Rathin and the King's own. The last mentioned works I do not like, the author may suit the reading community that have never seen Salt Water, but his yarns will never suit an old Sea dog he knows but little of the real Stale of an Old Salt having I presume always at Sea been rather to far aft. to study the real caracter of Poor Jack, a thorough knowledge of the true caracter of a Sailor can only be acquired in the Fore Castle. or a long residence with them, his tales may answer for Marines but old sailors know better, than to believe them! Cooper's discription of a Storm at Sea. or an engagement are inimitable. his works otherwise are generally interesting. but if you want the true genuine old Sea yarns. you must look to the Tales Edited by Sleeper under the name of Hawser Martingale. — — —

Sunday March 27th !—!—!—!—

Early this morning commenced heaving up the Sheet Chain and making the other necessary preperations for getting under way. at about 10 A.M. we had a light breeze from the Shore. Immediatly every thing and every body was in motion the Windlass was manned and heave away my hearties was the word. Yoe heave Yoe was the cry and in about ten minuts we had our Anchor to the Cat Head and all sail set and nicely braced to catch the breeze. The Luminary of Warren and the Bartholomew Gosnold of Falmouth both got under way at the same time. We had light flaws until about 2 P.M. when we took the regular trades and as much as we wanted to carry a main Top Gallant Sail Yard. our course being W by N. as it is the intention to touch at Wahoo for the purpose of getting any letters that may have been left for us at that Port. Our decks presents the appearance of a country farm yard. for we have Goats. Sheep. Pigs. Turkeys. Ducks. Geese and chickens. and between one and two hundred Barrels of Yams and Potatoes. we have several barrels of Cabbages and Onions put up in Vinegar which will come very acceptable by and bye. and for immediate use we have plenty of Bananas and water Mellons. the only fruit of the Islands that will keep any length of time. We are also well manned. having Shipped three of the natives of Mowee. making our compliment now thirty one if we do not make a good season of it.—it must be hard luck for we are well prepared at all points. our 36 Frenchman that Shipped at Callao left us at Mowee—in a homeward bound French Ship. Success to him

Monday March 28th — — — —
At daylight was within 3 miles of the port of Honolulu the sea port of the Island of Wahoo got breakfast and the Capt went ashore the ship at that time laying off an on. at about 12 M. the boat come off with orders from the Captain to the Mate. to bring the ship to an Anchor outside the reef which was immediately done in good shape in 11 Fathoms of Water we lay until the next evening our boats in the mean time was plying off and on. with Merchandize I went on shore on Tuesday. to see the alterations in the Capitol. since my last visit (5 years ago) did not have but a short time and that was employed in forwarding my letters to my friends at home as it was an opportunity not to be lost. the Brig Delaware was bound direct to Boston in about six days so in Five Months my friends will hear from me. I staid long enough at this place to learn that it is one of the most dissipated holes of its size in the World but more of this on my next visit which if I live will be in the course of a year. about 4 P.M. went on board and the Capt having finished his business we took our Anchor and proceeded to Sea. Stowed our Anchors and chain. Snug for six or seven Months Cruise. which I hope will prove a fortunate one — for I long to be with my Friends

Wednesday 30th The land had dissapeared during the night so that we had nothing but Blue to gaze on. in the afternoon we had Hazy weather with some rain. I shall continue to note every thing of Importance as it occurs (as formally,) as daily notes would be tedious and uninteresting I shall omit them —

Sunday April 10th 1842 – Remarks ——

We have had fine weather for the last Eight days with moderate breezes from the Eastward our course being Westward have been nearly before the wind all the time, several of the Officers and crew have been rather indisposed since we left Port owing probably to the effect of a land course for 14 or 15 days it is not unusual and they soon recover in a short time. owing to the regularity observed on board Ships they are all at present on hand for business The Captn has had another sick spell since we left the Islands this makes the third time since we sailed, I think he enjoys very poor health but he bears up like a lion. but human nature cannot stand many more such spells. I fear — sometime that we shall have a very painful duty to Perform. God grant it may be otherwise and return him in health to the bosom of his family —

This day we crossed passed the Meridian (180 degrees West Longitude) and are now in East Longitude 45 Miles. 4 P.M. we shall go four or five degrees more and then are in hopes of falling in with whales our course is at present W.N.W. Latitude 20° 22' North I am in hopes to have something to note in a few days that will hasten our Voyage — We are partaking of all the good things procured in Port and have a fresh dinner every Sunday our fruit except a few Cocoa nuts is, is about all gone. our live stock still holds good and strong hopes are entertained of a fresh supply in in a few days from two or three sources, Come on my little Grunters you will be well Received and kindly treated until you are fit and of an age 37 sufficient for a good Roast then OK!!!

Thursday Apl. 21st Japan

Have had a fine run from the Islands. Saturday last. the Trade winds left us. the wind however haaled out to the Southward and of course was fair for us to run to the North - This day it changed to the North attended with rain and quite cold weather. have not seen anything but. Porpoises since we left the land

Our folks have all recovered from the effects of their land cruise and are on hand. The Captn was very sick for many days but. he with the rest has weathered it - and is now able to be about. the decks our live stock has increased in number seven within the past week. so we have great expectations a-head = all right

Commenced standing quarter watches this day and as we are now on whaling ground and all ready the sooner they make their appearance the better for us. Latitude by observation 29° 51 North. Longitude 173° 31 East -

Sunday 24th — The weather for the last 3 days has been very disagreable, having had a thick fog the best part of the time with the additional comfort of cold north winds - we have not been able to see half a mile from the ship at any time since Thursday Evening last - This is enough to give any man the blues that never knew what they was - for my part I have been unusually depressed in spirits all day - The bad state of the weather and the thoughts of a twelve month ago combined has made it a very unpleasant day for me however I had one consolation that cheered me! I was even vain enough to suppose that there had been this day some secret prayers offered up for the safty and return of the Wanderer and with those thoughts I sunk into a sound sleep and in my dreams was even blessed with the sight of many dear friends - that had occupied my thoughts during the long tedious day - we are in hopes of seeing the Isles in the course of a month or two and that will cheer us along we have got no observations for several days - Supposed Latitude 30-30 N. Long 172-15 East Would give 6 times the worth of a letter to get one from home this day.....

Thursday April 28th — Thick weather still prevails we have however seen the sun for half an hour or so at a time the last two or three days. it is bad weather for our busines. all hands are busily engaged in thinking of the doings of the past year. that has been our occupation since we left the Islands. as we have seen nothing and of course done nothing but Eat (and very little at that sometimes for as busines is dull grub is scarce) sleep and relieve the mast heads and wheel (helm) — It is one year this day since we weighed anchor at New Bedford we have not been very fortunate but still I am in hopes in two years more to deposit our Mud hook. within 52 miles of Boston. I shall then make a quick passage to that city. for they generally have a fair wind in those latitudes (ie rail road) our Latitude at 12 M. was 30°03. N. the latter part of the day we had strong breezes attended with rain at 6 P.M. strong indications of a heavy blow

Friday 29th During the night we had plenty of rain with Thunder and Lightning very severe early this morning we close Reefed the Topsails, and [illegible] A.M. handed the Fore Topsail and Fore Sail, set the Fore Top mast Staysail and hove to, with the fog thick enough to cut with a knife, very sharp lightning and heavy shocks of Thunder during the latter part of the day we shall probably have some clear weather after this blow. [redacted] A very heavy swell this day from the Westward and the wind abating fast towards sundown

Saturday 30th This Morning we was cheered with the sight of the Sun in all its splendor with a clear horizon, it began to clear away about 12 and towards morning (after a parting shower) the wind was about all gone. at daylight it was up and down. or thereabouts. with the swell still from the Westward. in all probability we shall have the wind from that quarter next. Latitude 31°-30' N. Longitude 169°-27' W.

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have not any thing but birds as yet. they are plenty! —

Sunday May 15th 1842

At 3 A.M. it commenced blowing a gale from the S.E. the weather very thick and a heavy sea running. at 7 A.M. took in the Foresail and Mizzen Topsail set the Staysails close reefed the Main Topsail and hove her too - all but the watch went below at 9 o'clock it commenced raining and during the day and first watch at night we had fresh water in abundance - we have had very bad weather the last Fortnight rain Fog and Strong winds alternatly - have not as yet seen any thing of consequence since leaving port which is nearly two months we are about discouraged it being now almost three months since we have seen a Sperm Whale it makes the voyage look black we have however plenty of time to do a good business if we are fortunate enough to fall in with the right kind of work = fortune favours the brave = and we expect of course a good share of her favours we are now in 154°-30' East Longitude and our Latitude is about 32°-30' North - as soon as it clears up we shall make a board to the South-ward and westward. Somewhere about the vicinity of the Bonin Islands it has been a famous Whaling Ground in former times I hope it may prove so for our sakes for although only 13 Mos out I am very anxious to get home again. I think I shall stay there and let them peruse the Sports of the North and South Pacific ocean that can find more pleasure in it than I can.

Monday 16th

During the night it moderated a little but at daylight it was blowing as strong as ever with thick rainey weather had a very rough night the ship rolling heavy so much so that we got but little rest and that little in cat naps -

Wednesday 18th

Had a change of wind this day at 11 a m which has knocked the Sea down considerable we have a notherly breeze with the weather more clear than for several days. the Ship is now headed to S.W. and going about 6 knots — Latitude this day 31°-59′ N Longetude 154°-56 E our Fresh provisions and live Stock holds good yet we want some work to give us an appetite I have been very much interested during this long spell of bad weather with the works of Sir Walter Scott having read the life of Napoleon, Ivanhoe, Waverly and Tales of my Landlord I can recommend the last as a good antidote for the blues the Seige of Montrose is full of brilliant flashes of wit and good humour my store of books is few but remarkable good have read several of them before. but like a good Sailor they will stand two calls at sea latter part of this day Strong breezes and clear weather - hope it will continue

Sunday 22nd Fine clear weather with light variable winds have seen plenty of bird porpoises, Fin Backs, and a species of whale called Grampus but nothing as yet of any Sperm Whales - we must certainly have a Jonah on board - The Small fish begin to be plenty around us. So if we go hungry it must be our own fault - it is rather strange we do not see any Vessels cruising. Suppose it is rather early in the season, have seen several large Spars floating by us the last two or three days

Sunday May 29th At daylight this morning we discovered a Sail on our weather Quarter steering directly for us. asce as we wanted to hear the news (if there was any) we tacked Ship and stood for her — at 7 A.M. Spoke her. She proved to be the Ship Frances of New Bedford 21 Mos out with Seven Hundred barrels of Sperm oil (rather worse off than ourselves) The Capt (Huzzy) Come on board from an invitation recieved from our Captain and Spent the rest of the day with us. Capt Huzzy reported the Ship Howard of Nantucket 6 Mos out with 50 barrels of oil. and also reported — having seen whales on Thursday last bound to the South East. Capt H. fell in with and boarded a Wreck on the 23d of this month. She proved to be that of a China Junk of about 100 Tons and in the most horrid situation that ~~can~~ be imagination can paint. She was entirly covered with Clams and worms. out side having it is supposed been from 4 to 6 Mos in distress on boarding her the first thing that met their view was the Skulls and bones of about 15 human beings and two Miserable objects (all that was living) of a crew of 32 Men as near as he could understand) that still retained life he immediatly removed them on board the Ship. and rendered them every assistance in his power — in overhauling the things on board a 15 gallon keg was found filled with the flesh of those that had perished put up in pickle. this food they had subsisted on probably 2 or 3 Months. had the Frances not fallen in with them the two on board could not have —

Sunday Decay 29th Continued —— Have lived more than
a week longer they must have suffered dreadfully
they had gutters cut in the deck for the purpose
of catching fresh water — how many orphans and
widows is this made, and it will be years if
ever their friends hear of their horrid fate Thousands
of those people perish on this coast. any year owing
to the inequality of their vessels. and inexperience
of their navigators — their is few places attended with
more peril to seamen that the coast of Japan, Capt.
N. experienced a heavy Gale on the 18-& 19th of
this Month in lat. 27°. 30'. N. Long - 149°. E. attended with
loss of boats. and other damage — that was the
reason of his hauling out to the Northward. and
proved fortunate. in saving the lives of two fellow
beings = our Latitude this day was - 20°. 26'. South
Longitude - 153°. 49'. East — The mate got 3 or 4 papers
that the Howard brought out. they are dated October
which is several Months later than any news we
have had. The Whigs appear to be in trouble —
well I expected as much. it looks well for
the Democrats — from what intelligence we have
their will probably be a split among them — Whigs in
that case their cake is all dough and no mistake
they were very wise in adopting the One term
Motto 4 Years is written on the big book — Keep up
good Spirits Martin. Your case is not desperate —
We shall yet have the pleasure of hailing you
President of the U.S. a second term if it
be your wish. I wonder what the price of beef
is at present. and do the workies get $2. per day?
Brother Bill you will have to change or be in the
glorious Minority. = Martin Van Buren is my Banner —

Saturday June 4th 1842 — We have had fine weather the last five days have been in sight of the Ship Francis every day but have not spoken her since Sunday last. — This morning at daylight saw a sail on our Larboard Quarter Steering for us we hauled our wind and stood for her at 12 M. Spoke her She proved to be the Barque Henrietta Capt. Henderson of London Eng. bound to Wahoo to repair damages. She was in a sad condition Indeed. having experienced a tremendous Gale or Typhoon on the 2nd 3d & 4th of May last in Latitude 14° 8' Longitude 144° E.. we was the first Vessel she had fallen in with since the Gale and she is but little better than a wreck having lost her Mizzen Mast Fore Topmast and in fact every Spar aloft except the Main Top Mast She shipped a sea on the morning of the 4th that swept her decks completly and carried away every boat (6 in number) that belonged to her — her Try works and nearly the whole of her Bulwarks, rails. and took with it Her Starboard Anchor it was something remarkable that her figure head stood during the whole time, it was that of a beautiful female in the attitude of supplication and not even a ribbon was blown out of place while all around her was going by the board. the power of woman is great and she did not in this instance supplicate in vain. We supplied Capt H. with a new boat and provisions together with such other articles as he stood in need of. Nothing but distress would have tempted us to part with a boat but in such a case as the present. there was not a moment to consider help the distressed and do unto others as you would others should do unto you — we hear of nothing but disasters Capt Henderson reports the loss of the American Whale Ship Ann. of New Bedford. She went ashore

Saturday June 4th Continued —
At Coepang. Timor Island. about two Months
since four of the crew of the Ann was aboard
the Henrietta. they will probably go home from
Batavia. he also reports the loss of a Dutch barque
in the Straits of Timor — all that we have heard
from have experienced severe weather Capt. H
says he has been many years at sea and
has had gales of all sorts. but never saw it
blow as hard before. several of the crew of the
Henrietta were more or less injured but they are
at present all in a fair way of recovery. our
good friends at home sitting by their firesides
little know of the dangers of those that go down
to the sea in Ships and do business on the Great Waters
they talk of dreadful nights and such things but
they do not in reality know by experience the true
meaning of the words place them in the situation
that we of the deep blue are hourly exposed too
and they would then see and feel the difference
But a Sailor must never despair. all the hair breadth
escapes we must be laugh-ed off as a joke and nothing
more thought of them and in fact the dangers are
hardly over before they are talked about with as many
damn-me eyes as ever — for a sailor in spinning his
Yarn. generally uses the usual quantity of (Sailors) oath
and by the time he is through with it he has damn
himself into pieces not longer than reef points it
is a foolish practice but it comes as natural to the
most of them as eating and sleeping — their oaths are
~~not so dangerous to the immortal soul~~ generally
not of a very dangerous nature — One of the regular
double 41 refined ones used by some people on shore
would a Balance a ton butt of them { Latitude 30° 09. N
Long Made 155° 36 E

Wednesday June 8th Have had very thick weather with strong breezes from the S.W. for the last three days it cleared up with the change of the moon which took place last Evng This day at 12 M. raised a School of Sperm Whales on our Larboard beam. lowered our boats and gave chace but they was not in the right temper to be taken after pulling about three hours without success. we returned on board, and got dinner at ½ past 3 P.M. —

At 4½ oclock see a number of whales on our weather beam. supposed they were part of the school we had been chasing an hour or two before. as they are pretty well divided we shall probably see them again tomorrow god send us better luck if we do any change must be for the better in our desperate case Latitude 29° 15' N Longitude 160° 11' E — home —

Thursday 12th — — —

At daylight this morning raised a Sail on our weather beam heading E.S.E.. at. 11½ A.M. saw another Sail one point on our lee bow heading S.E. and at 6 P.M. raised another 4 Points on our Lee bow Standing up a wind to N.W. the weather is delightfull and the wind light from the S.W. did not speak either of the Ships made out one of them to be the Barque Indian of London — We Spoke her at Woahoo. 29 Mos out with 1000 bbls — Their seems to be plenty of Ships on the ground. do not know whether they find any employment or not. on Friday last we saw part of a whales Case. Somebody has taken his Jacket off lately {Home}

Latitude 29°11' S Longitude 162° 34'

Thursday June 16 60

Fine weather with the wind to the Eastward
This is the finest climate in the world. I don't
think a person would even be sick here. Still I
I should much rather be at home with my ——

This day at 2 P.M. Raised a School of
Sperm whales lowered our boats and after a
long pull the Bow Boat succeeded in fastening
to one of them which was soon "brot to a Stake
of subjection. the other whales made tracks
to leeward we was soon in persuit and about
15 minuts before sundown the Larboard boat
Struck one which Lounded out the whole line
and walked off with it together with dowg's
and Larpoons &c. it being late & the Ship
8 Miles to windward it was useless to think of
Chasing him. So put for the Ship and got on
board at 9 P.M. after 7 hours hard pulling
Latitude 29° 40' S. Longitude 105° 33' E ——

Friday June 17th {Bunker Hill not forgot}
At daylight this morning commenced Cutting
at 10 a.m. Started the try works and Commenced
boiling with cheerful hearts. — 3 P.M. the
Cry of there She blows! again is heard from
the mast head directly ahead. Stood along
until within a mile of the whales and sent
the Larboard & Waste boats in Chase. on the
second rising the Larboard boat Struck
one. which was immediately fitted out and
we took him along side before dark, Secured
him, and the watch went below. the other
watch engaged during the night in boiling and Gamming
Latitude & Longitude about the same as yesterday
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Saturday June 18th

At 6 A M. called the watch and got breakfast prior to cutting which we finished about 11 A.M. cleaned up a little and got dinner at 1 P.M. the joyous cry of there she blows! was sounded from the look out at the mast head they being about a-head we stood along until 3 o'clock when we bore a back and lowered the larboard and bow boats. the others being kept on board to carry on the works and lower if needed at about 4 P.M. the larboard boat struck one of the whales which proved to be a regular racer the bow boat succeeded in darting harpoon and set his chimney on fire (spouting blood) when we of course thought would put an end to his race - it proved otherways. - as soon as he spouted blood he sounded and took line and set sail to wind-ward he went a good jog for some time but loss of blood together with four hundred & fifty fathoms of line dragging made him slacken his pace so much that at about half an hours run we again got along-side of him gave him two more lances which completed the work of death At sun down we took him in tow and headed for the Ship got on board at 10 P.M. secured the whale spliced the main brace got supper and the watch turned in. the other engaged in boiling. we have plenty of work and plenty of willing hearts to perform it. our luck has really turned. and we now now a fare prospect. before 3 large whales 3 days hand running is not picked up by every body - The whales appear to be at home and I am in hopes they will mind the 11th - commandment. viz mind their own business and stay at home. if they do we shall make a dead set among them Latitude 29°-53' N Longitude 165°-15' This looks like getting home — Fire up my boys —

Sunday June 19th " Finished Cutting & All hands engaged in setting up casks boiling and Coopering it is not very agreable work for the Sabbath but in this case it cannot be helped we must get over it the best way we can we have plenty of work and fine weather - nothing in sight this day but birds. ——— home ———

Monday 20th " Finished boiling at Eight A.M. washed off the decks and took account of the oil. found the Three whales hail made us two hundred & twenty barrels of oil worth about Seven Thousand Dollars at home this is doing a pretty good business for 5 days ——— Latitude 30°-11' North - Longitude 165°-44' East we have not had any wind this day it looks as though we might have a breeze before morning

Thursday 23d

At daylight called all hands and commenced stowing down our oil which we completed and had the decks washed off before night our decks are clear and we are all ready for two hundred more as soon as fortune may Smile on us - the weather is fine for our business. nothing in sight this day ———

Friday 24th "

Fine breezes from the N.E. at 6 P.M. Passed a Ship on our lee beam Cutting in a whale we did not speak her the whales appear to be on the ground and we shall probably fall in with them again soon. we want them as much as any one that we have heard from but we are not yet discouraged I had much rather be at home this month than on Japan looking for whales I want to see some folks

Latitude 29°-37'S Longitude 165°-15' East

Tuesday 28th June

Fine weather with moderate breezes from the East-ward. At daylight this morning saw a Ship on our lee quarter steering to the South-ward - at 10 a.m saw another Ship on our lee bow steering to the S- at 11 another Sail hove in sight on our weather bow headed about S.E. We have plenty of Company but none of us has been fortunate Enough this day to see anything in particular - did not speak either of them but shall probably if we continue together on the ground - we are this day 14 Months from home with Five hundred barrels of oil which is rather low but we are in hopes of bettering our condition soon - God speed Latitude 29°-34' North Longitude 164°-27' - East

Wednesday 29th

At daylight this morning we had three Ships in sight ourselves making the fourth all headed to the S.E. at 7 a.m. saw a Shoal of Fin Backs on our weather beam - tacked Ship and stood to the North East as our chance was small having one Ship on our weather bow one a-head and the other on our lee-bow. Latitude at 12 M. 29°-54' N- on our lee-bow. The breeze began to die about noon at 4 P.M. it was as near up and down as it could be - Longitude by - Lunar observation 164°-34' E. towards Sun down the swell appeared to heave in from the West-ward and we have strong hopes of a breeze from that quarter the current is Westerly about 1½ knot pr hour we have to carry all Sail to hold on - we want to get to the Eastward two or three degrees as soon as possible and the sooner we have a breeze from any quarter that will carry us thru the better - I am in hopes we shall speak some of the Ships we have seen within a day or two. They look as though they might have letters - God knows I want one very much from home

Saturday July 2nd

Fine weather with moderate breezes from N.E. at daylight this morning discovered a Ship on our weather bow as we come up with her perceived She was Cutting in a Whale which was probably taken the evening before. Saw a Ship on Thursday that was Stowing down and Yesterday we passed to windward of another Ships that was under short sail they all appear to be doing something in their line of business we are Idle at present as regards whaling The Seamen on board have been busy this day in rattling down the main rigging which was completed before dark. The Whales appear to be on the ground but they have evaded us for the last fortnight somehow better luck by and bye perhaps. The Fourth of July is drawing close at hand and we must be up and doing

Latitude 32° 06' North — Longitude 167° 27' East

Sunday July 3d

Fine pleasant weather with the wind from the S.E. This afternoon Spoke the Ship Zephen of N Bedford 36 Mos out with two Thousand barrels of Sperm oil went on board of her She was boiling the whale we we saw her cutting yesterday. as I landed on her decks I was struck all a-back for who should I see on board of her but one of the best friends I ever had (except some of my own relatives) I had not the least Idea of ever seeing him again and was not prepared for the event it was otherways with him he had heard of me at the Islands it was indeed a happy meeting the times gone by & over the many perils we had braved together all in a moment was present to my imagination and it was 44 some minutes before either of us could find utterance to our feelings we had a short interview but I am in hopes to see him again, sent by him one short letter for fear of accident

Monday July 4th Independence!!
At daylight this morning we were arroused not
by the ringging of bells or the thundering of cannon
but by the joyful cry of all Hands a hoy! Stand
by the boats my hearties Sperm whales close a-
board of us and so it proved for on coming
on deck we perceived the Peshyn boats were
down and immediatly ours was in the water
and the chase began we pulled from ½ past
4 until 11 A.M. when not meeting with any success ex-
cept Striking one which we lost by the line's parting
Shaped our Course for the Ship got dinner &c &c &c
At 2 P.M. the cry was again raised from the look
out at the mast head of She blows! 4 Points off
the lee bow we immediatly keep'd the Ship off and
got near enough about 4 P.M. to lower our boats
after pulling about Eight miles we succeeded in
Striking one which we killed in a few moments
and took him along-side before dark and commenced
Cutting. This has been a hard days work for
us, our Patriot Fathers in the glorious struggle
for Liberty could not have experienced any greater
hards hips in one day than we have in this, the whale
is alongside now and all our toil is forgotten —
Latitude 31° 39' N Longitude 169° 15' East

Tuesday 5th This morning at daylight
called all hands and finished Cutting-out
of our Boat-steerers in looking on to the whale-head
met with a serious accident as he was in the
water a large Shark darted out from under the
Ship and seized him by the leg he immediatly put
his hand down to clear himself but before they got
him out of the water the Shark caught him by the
left arm and tore it in a dreadful manner it
up.

Tuesday July 5th

was immediatly dressed and the bandage put on the poor fellow will I think loose the use of his arm if he does not lose the arm altogether we cannot tell much about it until it is safe to remove the bandage which will be to morrow or next day it is very painful and bleeds freely which is well for him - we finished cutting and commenced boiling about 7 A.M. — the whale will make about 45 barrels - better than nothing Latitude 31°45' Longitude 10.8°.14' East

Wednesday 6th

Finished boiling at 4 A.M. cleared up the decks took account of the oil (44 barrels) and the watch went below - saw a sail on our lee bow at Sun down supposed it to be the Zephyr I am in hopes to see her again before She sails for North America Sweat home Latitude 31°-57' N. Longitude 169°-34' E —

Saturday 9th

We have had very disagreeable weather the last day or two have had rain in abundance and plenty of Squalls. it has been rather more clear this afternoon - at 3 P.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales on our lee beam we got every thing in readiness for lowering our boats when a squall that had been gathering to leeward for the last two hours - and coming fast toward, us struck us in all its fury a scene far different ensued from what we expected - every rag of Sail was taken in and the wind and Sea rageed tremendously for two hours at 6 P.M. it moderated a little and we Set the main Spencer all the other Sails being furled - Saw a Ship (Zephyr) before the Squall on our weather beam Lat 30-38 - Long 166-13 - East

Sunday July 10th

This morning made all Sail and Stood to the S.S.E with the wind 2 points abaft the beam with clear weather - at 10 A Mo raised a Sail directly a-head of us thinking it was the Zephyr we continued on our course the wind being light did not perceive our mistake until 3 P.M. hauled our wind and Stood to the East-ward as we did not intend Speaking the Stranger he was not to be put aside in that manner and at ½ past 4. he backed his Main Topsail. (a signal not to be slighted and we accordingly put our helm hard up and headed for him. at 5 P.M. exchanged the usual Courtsies she proved to be the Walter Scott of Nantucket twenty months out with Four hundred and fifty barrels of Sperm Oil. She has proved as unfortunate in her pecuniary affairs as the Great unknown from whom She derived her name may better fortune attend her for the future - went on board of her and Spent a very Sociable evening She reports a number of disasters to whale Ships in Panama Bay last season 2 or 3 was completly wrecked and several of the more or less injured among the latter was the Margett Scott of Fairhaven. She also reports the Ship Abigal of New Bedford bound into Wahoo leaking badly - Our Boatsteerer who had his hand mutilated by a Shark on tuesday Morning last is in a fair way of recovery he will however lose the use of two fingers - he is fortunate for the chances was twenty to one that his hand would be a useless piece of flesh and bones the remainder of his life from appearances now he will probably be on duty again in the course of a fortnight. Latitude 30°-02' N Longitude 169°-01' E - hope we shall fall in with the Zephyr again as I have several letters ready that I wish to send home by her - Friends at home no doubt think we of the deep blue are quite neglectful but they do not know the disadvantages we labour under. we cruise for Months sometimes without being cheered by the sight of a Sail or the Sound of human voices - except our own - hard, hard! is our fate -

Tuesday July 12th

Fine breezes from the S.E. at daylight this morning tacked Ship and stood to the North-ward - saw a Sail standing to S.W. at 1 P.M. the welcome sound of "there She blows! was heard and the still more welcome news that it was a large Sperm Whale directly a-head stood along about one hour and then lowered away three boats. Keeping one to the Ship - for Ships chance we had not been down half an hour before we saw the whale a quarter of a mile distance the boats was instantly on the move in the direction of the whale who not perceiving any thing kept on his course in a very slow manner, he was soon aroused from his lazy movements by inserting two harpoons in his body and the other boats closing in with him soon caused him to hoist a signal of distress, in one hour or there-abouts from the time we lowered we had him along-side, we immediatly commenced cutting and succeeded in getting the body of the whale inboard before night, Set the watches as usual with orders to call all hands at early daylight to finish cutting

Latitude 30-28 North - Longitude 168° 24 East

Wednesday 13th

Finished cutting about 7 a.m. and commenced boiling it is a noble fish and we have fine weather, at 1 P.M. raised a Sail on our weather beam - by her movements I should think She had Whales around her - we suppose her to be the Ship we Spoke on Sunday I hope it is and that they may get a large whale to cheer them along they are nearly discouraged if we might judge from their conversation on Sunday Lat 30 23 - Longitude 167-50

Thursday July 14th At daylight this morning discovered a Ship on our weather bow three miles distant cutting in a whale, we have strong breezes from the Southward with clear weather Finished boiling at 4 P.M. washed Ship and took account of the oil found he had yielded us eighty barrels to add to our Stove — It is four weeks this day since we took our first whale on Japan. and in that time we have taken risings of three hundred barrels. for which we are truely thankful Showed fortune still continues to smile on us, we shall soon have cheering news to send to our friends —
Latitude 31°-35' North — Longitude 167°-13' East

Sunday 17th

The first part of this day we had plenty of rain it cleared up towards Noon. with light breezes from the S.E. made sail and stood to S.W. at 10 A.M. raised a sail on our Larboard bow in the afternoon two more sails hove in sight, at sundown the wind was about up and down. with the swell from the westward
Yesterday we stowed down our oil and it proved quite fortunate for us. Rain and damp weather is rather injurious to the casks when coopered and ready to stow, we are in hopes to have another deck load soon. Latitude 31.03+ Longitude 168°-11'+ {8 Lines}

Monday 18th — — — — —

We have had a delightful day with gentle breezes from the S.E. at 9 A.M. raised a Sail on our weather bow Steering to the S.W. our course this day has been N.E. at 4 P.M. raised another Sail steering to the S.W. with all Sail set and as we had seen nothing for the last four or five days, at Sundown tacked Ship and stood to S.S.W. with all Sail set and great expectations of
~~Latitude~~ 31°-04' North Longitude 168° 28' East

Thursday 21st At daylight this morning raised a Sail on our Lee bow - boiling we had Strong winds from the Eastward saw several breaches during the fore part of the day - at 3 PM raised a Shoal of Sperm whales 2 points on our Weather bow Stood along until we got them on our beam. then lowered away two boats and gave Chase succeeded in getting pretty handy to one of them but by some cause or other did not fasten the whales took the hint and top'd their booms to windward, after tugging "till dark we hauled our wind and Stood for the Ship, it was very rugged with Strong winds during the night our Latitude this day was 30° 34 Longitude 169-50

Friday 22nd This has been the hardest and most fatiguing day I ever experienced at daylight this morning we again was cheered by the cry of "there She blows! which proved to be a shoal of Sperm whales 4 points on our weather bow and about 4 miles distance Stood along about one hour and then tacked Ship, lost the sight of the whales for about 2 hours, when we raised them again on our weather quarter headed to leeward we immediatly tacked again and headed for them, Stood along about one hour when we perceived them on our lee beam, the boats was instantly in the water in persuit, the whales took (some of them) a different route and by so doing the boats become seperated in two parties of 2 each —

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Friday 22nd July —Continued—
The Mate and 4th Mate going to leeward
the Second and 3d Mate taking the weather
chance the boats that went to leeward chased
while nearly out of sight of the Ship, and
not being successful after a seven hours drag
Shaped our Course for the Ship which was
dead to windward 12 or 14 miles and a
very rough Sea to contend against— Oh!
how I did sigh for home, but what "can't be
cured must be endured, we made the best
of it took a drink of water and then with
pull a-head my hearties. we Started and
got on board at 5 P.M. the other boats
Succeeded in getting fast. but with no better success
than getting a boat Stove all to Splinters I
never Saw a boat in a worse condition, I
dreaded to ask the usual question "is any
hurt"— after looking at the remnants of her
I mustered up courage and found to my
great joy that all had escaped miraculously
it was a miracle Surely they told me that
when the whale struck his jaw in the boat
it was within a foot of two men. and of
course a foot either way would have been
instant death to one of them. The danger
is past and thank God for it. we
consider our loss this day one hundred barrels
of oil besides the boat— hope we Shall
be more fortunate next time, I am two much
fatigued to relate any other particulars this night
So good by— Latitude 30°,47' Longitude 107-29

Saturday July 23d

Strong breezes during the night passed a ship early this morning headed to N.E. Bering - at 6 A.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm whales on our lee beam kept the ship away for them, got breakfast and in due time lowered our boats - we had a very heavy sea running and the chance looked small. it proved otherways for the boats had not been in the water half an hour before three of them was fast to different whales and rugged as it was they succeeded in capturing each his whale, it was a noble haul the 3 will probably make one hundred and forty or fifty barrels - took them along side and commenced cutting at 12 M. Succeeded in getting the Bodies of all of them in before dark, laid by the heads during the night and commenced boiling ——— Latitude 30°27' Longitude 167°04' East

Sunday 24th

Called all hands at 6 A.M. and made preperations for taking in the heads, got breakfast and commenced, finished at 11 A.M. Spliced the main brace and got dinner, all hands engaged in clearing up the decks and boiling have had the weather rather more settled than for several days past hope it will continue at least "till we get through, which will be tomorrow night with good weather. Nothing in sight this day "Save the blue above and the blue below" we shall be ready tomorrow for more Whales and the sooner they come the better I want to go HOME

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Latitude 30-35' Longitude 167-40

Tuesday 26th

Finished boiling at 4 A.M. at daylight called all hands washed Ship and the watch were below took account of the oil found the three whales had turned up One Hundred and ten bbls they was young and not very fat and did not turn out as much as we expected Still we are satisfied and should be glad to take three more as soon as possible, At 10 a.m. Spoke the Ship George and Martha of Edgartown 36 Mos out with Fifteen hundred barrels of Sperm Oil, Capt. Coffin reported the Ship Peruvian of Nantucket 10.50 and the Ship Rodman of New Bedford 24 Mos out with 2300 bbls of Sperm Oil She has taken Eight hundred the last 4 Months that is doing well at 5 P.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales on our weather beam as there was no wind we down boats and gave Chase, they was going Quick and we did not meet with any Success at Sun down three Ships in Sight and a dead Calm. Latitude 30°-25 N Longitude 107°-29 W

Wednesday 27th

This Morning the Cry of thar she blows! was heard again from the Mast head-man 4 Points off the lee bow it proved to be 2 large Sperm whales going Quick to windward we lowered our boats and chased them about 10 Miles found it was useless to proceede. so returned home-ward and got on board at 12 M. after dinner commenced breaking out for the purpose of stowing down our oil tomorrow if nothing occurs to alter our plans. Should like to see whales again Early in the morning. Latitude 30°-40 Longitude 107°-01 East one Ship in Sight at Sun down

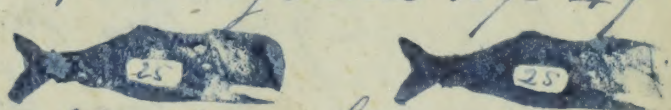
Thursday 28th

This morning at daylight commenced stowing down our oil and at 12 M. we finished having stowed away one hundred and three bbls of oil, we call it a pretty fair forenoons work, last Evening we passed a dead whale he was too far gone to be of any service to us, had we seen him a day or two sooner he would probably have made eighty or ninety barrels which would have been quite acceptable in our low sta
Latitude 30°-24' North Longitude 167°-24' East ---

Friday 29th

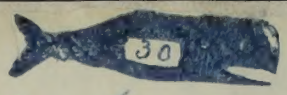
This day we have had a fine breeze from the Northward, our course being East. we went along a goi
ing 2 points free say six knots. See a Ship at 6 A M o
ur lee quarter boiling, at 12 M. we had another ship on our lee beam supposed to be the Walter Scott
at Sun down took in the Main sail pt and Spanke
and stood along for the night under double reefed
topsails Latitude 30°-34' Longitude 167°-49' E

Saturday 30th



Light winds with clear weather, at daylight
2 Ships in sight at 6 A. M. raised a Shoal of
Sperm whales on our lee beam headed for them
with the Ship and at 7 oclock we lowered our
boats after pulling about two hours succeeded in
getting fast to one which we killed and tow
to the Ship at 11 a.m. got dinner and comme
cutting, which we finished at 2 P.M. at 3 oclock
we again raised whales, lowered away 3 boats
struck one and took him to the Ship at 5 P.M
put him in set the watches and commenced Cutti
Latitude 30°-40' Longitude 167°-45' --

Sunday July 31st



Fine weather with gentle breezes from S.E. at 7 A.M. raised a shoal of Sperm whales directly a head stood along and got within three miles of them when the wind began to die away finding we could get no nearer with the ship we took an early dinner (11 o'clock) and down boats was the word, it was very warm work pulling with a July sun and not a breath of air stirring but we weathered the gale and succeeded in striking one of them the rest went off like shot. took our prize in tow and made for the ship, at 5 P.M. we cut him in by sun down, set the watches the watch on deck engaged in clearing up and boiling

Latitude 30°-24' Longitude 168°-05' — — —

Monday August 1st

At daylight this morning raised a shoal of Sperm whales on our lee beam, headed to the windward as it was blowing half a gale of wind and a heavy sea running we did not attempt to near them with the boats, we are now boiling with close reefed topsails and fore course steering as much sail as we can carry and doing our work. at 12 M. it began to moderate at 2 P.M. raised a sail on our weather quarter at 3 P.M. raised another shoal of Sperm whales going to windward, quick we did not lower our boats as they was going 6 or 8 knots to windward, finished boiling at 7 P.M. the 3 whales made us ninety barrels. Good

Latitude 30-05 Longitude 167-44

Wednesday August 3d

At daylight this morning commenced Towing down our oil which we finished about 12 M at 1 P.M. Raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales on our weather bow headed to leward Stood along by the wind until we had them a-head at 3 oclock lowered our boats and succeeded in capturing One that will probably make us Sixty or Seventy barrels, took him along side at Sun down Secured him and set the watches for the night Latitude 30°27 Longitude 167-20

Thursday 4th

Called all hands at day break and commenced cutting, at 11 we finished got dinner, made Sail and ~~Manned~~ Stood to the North-ward in hopes of finding his partner, the hands engaged during the afternoon in clearing up decks and setting up Casks = We have been doing a pretty good business for the last fortnight Should it continue we Shall go off of Japan with flying colours we have about 2 Months longer to Stay if we do as well as we have already done the last two. we Shall carry off twelve or thirteen hundred barrels = God grant it. Latitude 30-37 Longitude 167-04 two Ships in Sight at Sun-down = out of business =

Friday 5th

Finished boiling at 11 A M washed Ship and the watch went below the whale made Fifty Five barrels had a very rough Sea on during the night it is more moderate this afternoon. Saw the Barque Nye this forenoon we

Saturday 6th

Strong breezes from the Southward with a heavy Swell and rugged Sea, we have been under double reefed Topsails during the day as much wind as we wanted, at 1 P.M. Raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales on our lee quarter lowered our boats and the Bow boat Struck the larboard boat in the act of Striking was stove but not badly she was soon to rights again and in persuit and Succeeded in her crippled State in Striking another which we took to the Ship at 5 P.M. the Bow Boats whale got adrift and we lost him if the weather had been good we should have saved them both but as we have every appearance of a gale we shall be lucky if we save the one along side the other whale cannot line the water out as he was bleeding freely - we may fall in with him tomorrow if the weather moderates, we want him, and I am in hopes we shall find him Latitude 30 44 Longitude 169-4.

Sunday 7th

Called all hands at daylight and although it was blowing a gale commenced Cutting and finished at 1 P.M. the worst time I ever had cutting in a whale, got dinner and Started the Work, boiling: the gale Still increasing we took in the Main Top Sail, Set the Main Spencer and goose winged the Fore Sail It is so rugged that we can do but little in the way of boiling but we have the whale in-board and shall so if the weather permits

Monday Aug.t 8.th

During the night it blowed very hard in squalls we Shie continued boiling until this morning at 9 A M. when the Captain not thinking it prudent to continue we put out the fires and Set what Oil we could that we had in Casks under hatches we have a deck load of one thing and another now and the Gale Shie on the Increase. Should it Shie continues I think we Shall Stand a chance of loosing some of our deck load, 6 PM no Signs of any abatement it has increased if any thing, this afternoon, took in the Foretail and She now lays at the Mercy of the waves and he who controls them with no Sail Save the main Spencer and we now have very prospect of a dreary night, for my part I had much rather be with some folks at home than in our present Situation - but such is fate - no Observation the wind is from E.S.E a good quarter for a long blow

Tuesday 9.th

Our decks this morning presented a very unpleasant prospect. Fragments of broken Casks, blubber, try Gear and numerous other notions, playing about the lee Scuppers in Sweet confusion, which took some time to set to rights, we succeeded however and as the gale had abated Set the works a going at 7 A.M. The Gale broke at 12 last night which was welcome to us. From 7 to 11 last Evening it blowed as hard as I ever have seen it. from that time the wind has been hauling and the Sea has fell considerable we look for some fine weather now, Sinnets [illegible] 51, Saling this Evening and found we had Save about fifty barrels of Oil for which we feel thankful - Thick Cold weather this day - No Observation

Wednesday August 10th 1842

Light breezes from S.S.E. with occasional flurs of rain. we have been busy this day in repairing one of our broken boats and over hauling our cutting falls hooks &c completed all and had the boat fitted and placed in her usual place ready for whaling when an opportunity presents. tomorrow we shall if nothing occurs stow down our oil in the lower hold and that will give us clear deck again Latitude 31°28' north, Longitude 166°54 East we made a considerable drift in the late gale to the N.W. —

Thursday 11th

Commenced this morning at daylight to stow down which we finished at 12 M. having Blocked our Main hatchway and put on the hatches for good they will not be started again the (except for the purpose of wetting the hold) voyage unless our oil should be we have now sixty barrels of oil on deck and want sixty or a hundred more before we begin on our fore hold which we hope to get as soon as it stops raining and we get a chance to look about it. commenced raining hard about 11 a m this day. we have had thick weather since the late gale it will probably rain out in two or three days and we shall then have a spell of fine weather. this rain comes very acceptable as we have plenty of washing on hand. and it gives us a lazy spell we have had hard work the last six weeks having taken six hundred barrels of oil in that time. all hands except the boats watch are below this afternoon. and will be as long as this weather lasts they will be fresh and ready for a new start as soon as it clears up. — Our main hatchway contains seven hundred & fifty barrels of oil in casks and ninety breakers which contain from six to seventy gallons each = No observation this day

Friday August 12th — Brother George — — —

Thick rainey weather with the wind from the S.E. it rained all night and during this day we have had it in squalls. the hands take all the advantage of it that is possible very few are seen on deck except those that belong to the deck watch, that changes every four hours in the day time at night there being four watches we change them every two hours. that is when we have nothing to do— in boiling or making passages the whole crew come in for a shake (except the Captain, Cook and Steward) the mate, taking half, the Second mate the other half and the time is equally divided day and night. We feel pretty well off now as regards oil and think our chance is good for two or three hundred more this season, as we shall cruise about six weeks longer on the ground. I now think I shall see my friends at home in two years more, a few weeks ago our prospect looked dark. it has lighted up of late and I am in hopes it will continue. we have not seen a vessel since last Saturday morning) something rather remarkable on Japan. suppose them all to southward of us. At 5 P.M. passed an English barque bound to the N.E. She passed within cable's length of us but showed no inclination to speak therefore we as Spunky Yankees continue on our course to the southward she looked as though she had seen hard weather as her Starboard bulwarks were all stove in at 6 P.M. Another Sail hove in sight on our weather beam Steering to the N.W. with all Sail set if we had daylight I should probably speak her—

Saturday 13th — — —

Saturday August 13th — — — —
Captain Whitney paid us a short visit and from him we gathered the following Items. respecting the late Gale. he experienced very severe weather attend with loss of Fly jib boom and main Royal mast The Ship Emerald had it still worse being on or two degrees farther to Southward She had her Bulwarks all Stove in and lost her Larboard Boat entire had her waist Boat Stove in and injured several of her Crew. The Captain not being used to Japan weather put away the day after the gale for the Islands he will not trouble this Coast again The Young Eagle (Ship) met with with a serious accident the first of this month — In Striking a whale the Stove the boat killed one man and broke all the Ribs on one side of another man The Captain finding he could do nothing to help the poor fellow put away as soon as possible for Wahoo where he could have Medical advice — That Captain is one of a Thousand — Hope we shall escape all the dangers we hear of: for we do not Speak a Ship but they have some disaster to relate In a Gale we have great advantage over Some of them Our Good Ship would lay like a duck on the Water while many of them would sink with the same wind and Sea carry every thing by the board. Saw an English Barque at 11 a. m. Nothing in Sight during the latter part of the day Our Latitude is 31-36 Longitude 169-19 — The Longitude we do not think correct, expect our Chronometer got a Jar during the blow we are Steering this night to S.W. under 3 Topsails for a whale tomorrow or next day

Sunday August 14th

This has been a fine day for which we feel Thankful it has been the first idle Sabbath we have had since the 17th of last Month and I trust we have done penance enough to atone for any wrongs committed the three Sundays previous, Sailors are not so irreligious as some folks on Shore think. I never knew a Sailor in my life[d] that liked to work on the Sabbath and I never Sailed with but one man that did not believe more or less in the holy scriptures the Sabbath is generally a day in which Sailors Spend some part of in reading the Bible or some moral work. those that cannot read (and there is many such) are very attentive to any one that will read to them I have Spent many happy hours in that occupation. and I feel a little proud that some seven or Eight of such men has been enabled through my means to perform, what others had to do for them. my means it is true was limited but such as they was "I gave unto them," I have thought a Thousand times this day of Home, but am no nearer there at present 8 P.M.) than I was at daylight this morning. but patience Joe. with good fortune for a guide you will see all again that you wish —

This afternoon at 3 P.M. saw a Ship to Leeward She hoisted a signal at her Fore Top Gallant Head. we could not make out what it meant. The Captain thought it must be Captain Gardner of the "Zephyr" and accordingly we put the helm up and headed for her. as the wind was light and we some 8 or 10 miles to windward, we did not get down to her 'till after dark a few minutes before 8 o'clock we Spoke. and She proved to be the Ship Benjamin Tucker of New Bedford 33 months out with 1500 bbls of Sperm Oil. Captain Worth came on board for his letters his first Officer also paid us a visit. they are on board now and I think likely they will make a long Gam - of it. they report the Barque Nye of NB 30 Months out with Six Hundred bbls and the Ship Harvest of Nantucket 26 mos out Six Hundred bbls - they are in a low State, and I think their recovery doubtful — Latitude 31.01 Longitude 169.09 - one Ship to windward boiling

Tuesday August 16th

At daylight this morning raised a Ship on our weather bow, at 7 A.M. raised a large Sperm Whale a-head about two miles distant lowered our boats and the Bow Boat Struck in about 3 minutes and before any other boat could fasten the Iron come out. we chased him until 12 M. and not meeting with any success Shaped our course for the Ship we beat out. the whale was on our lee bow and we kept the run of him until about 3 P.M. not seeing any more of him we hoised up the Yards and Stood along by the wind at 4 P.M. There she blow! was heard 4 Points off the lee bow we immediately kept the Ship off and having run within half a Mile luffed the Ship to the wind and down boats, in 15 minutes we was fast and took him along side before dark, it is a Noble fellow and I should think would Yield us about One hundred barrels, at 8 P.M. we discovered a boat on our weather beam She belonged to the Ship about 3½ miles to windward which had taken a whale this afternoon, She came along side and proved to be one belonging to the Ship Young Eagle 24 Months out with 2000 barrels of Sperm Oil. the Second Officer that was hurt is getting better Lat. 30-52 Longitude 169-54 - - -

Wednesday 17th Commenced at daylight to Cut and finished at 3 P.M. he is a regular Screamer his head was nearly as big as the State Room commenced boiling at 4 P.M. Saw a Ship on our weather bow at Sundown = fine weather

Friday August 19th — — — — —

Fine weather with the wind from the S.W. at 10 A.M. finished boiling took account of the oil and found we had One hundred and Five barrels more oil to add to our Store it was a large whale and no mistake his head alone yielded Forty Eight barrels; we are all ready for more. Latitude 30:52 Longitude 168:34 — —

Sunday 21st — — — — — —

Fine weather and light breezes from the N.W. with a heavy Swell from the South-ward, we commenced Yesterday to Stow down our oil but owing to bad casks we did not finish until this day at Noon. our decks are now clear and I am glad of it. it looks something like bad weather and if we have it we Shall be better prepared than we was the last Gale. we Stowed down this time One hundred & Sixty barrels. our last whale Stowed a little over a hundred = a noble hawl = Showed like three or four more like him this season. Latitude 30°-34' Longitude 169°-19'-04 Four Sails in Sight at Sundown all Steering to the N.E. —

Thursday 25th —

We have had all sorts of weather since Sunday have seen nothing until this day. when at 2½ P.M. we Raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales on our weather bow bound to windward lowered our boats but did not succeede in Striking the Whales being rather too quick for us. Whales are not so plenty as they were in July. Still we are in hopes of getting another cut at them before the change of the moon. This day we had a fine fresh dinner having killed a hog last evening it went off well after eating Salt horse for three Months or thereabouts. we have two more Gunters left 54 which we Shall Mastricate before we make a Port. Latitude 29°-30' Longitude 167°-42'. winds from the S.E. [two Sails in Sight this afternoon] — —

Monday August 29th ——————

We have had Strong breezes for several days from the N.E. nearly dead ahead for us as our course is now to the Eastward if we can get there have seen but few Sails lately - and no Whales as the season is drawing to a close we shall make to the Eastward as soon as possible and cruise a Spell on the meridian. This Evening we Spoke the English Barque Ranger 26 Mos out with 800. barrels of Sperm Oil. Captain Green says he has seen but few whales this season, he has not taken a drop of oil on Japan this season - we may truely say we have been fortunate for we have thus far taken Seven hundred barrels which will produce to ourselves and Owners upwards of Twenty Thousand dollars - The Ranger (or rather the Captain) reports Several Ships that have not exceeded one hundred barrels this season poor fellows how I pity them! Latitude 30°-43- Longitude by Lunar Obs- 167°-53'-14"

Saturday September 3d 1842 ——————

We have had Strong breezes from the N.E with thick weather all this week this morning we raised a Sail on our weather quarter and one on our weather bow the one on the quarter Set a Signal and kept off for us as it was raining and no Chance of Seeing much of anything we hauled aback our Main Yard she got down to us at 11½ oclock the Ship proved to be the Peruvian Capt Auther of Nantucket 20 Mos out with 1300. barrels of oil She has taken but 200. this season they have seen plenty of whales but from Bad luck or bad management (or both) they have done but little Capt Auther is upwards of 60 years of age. and out of compliment our Captain lowered his boat and had him a visit - up

Saturday Sept. 3d At 1 P.M. we raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales to leeward of the Peruvian about half a mile distance after getting the run of them we lowered away our boats. The lowering at the same time had the Ships been seperate the chance would have been good for either one but as it was all seven boats close together and each one anxious. The whales got Started and gave us all the slip The mate of the Peruvian got a chance to fasten but he was loose in about 10 minutes we chased them till 5 P.M. and no prospect of getting near them this day was visible so we hauled by the wind and stood for our respective Ships, pretty well beat out Latitude 31° 03 Longitude 170°-26= Wind at Sundown SE with a prospect of fair weather. (the wind changed this afternoon

Sunday 4th — — Wind W by S. Course E by S. 7 P.M.

This has been a delightful day with little or no wind till this evening when it breezed up about 5 knots or thereabouts we have seen nothing this day except the Ship Peruvian which lay rolling about some 4 or 5 Miles distant to our Starboard beam. how I should like to be at home this evening I am sure I should enjoy myself much better than I do here. but as that is impossible I shall as Shakespere says) hie me to my cot and dream of home Friends! and all so good night. kind Friends

Latitude 30°-37 North — Longitude 170°-20=15 East

Monday 5th — — — Latitude 30°42 Longitude 170°21

Light breezes still prevail from the westward — we do not make more than one knot pr hour, this day at 8 A.M. saw a large Turtle lowered away our boat and captured him took him on board he proved to be one of the species called Bunk Turtle and of no use, as the meat is rather Strong he was a very large one and weighed I should think about 500 Pounds

Tuesday September 5th

Light Calm weather Still. we had a change of wind this afternoon but without any increase of it if we should be favoured with a Six knot breeze we should soon be on the meridian as it is we can get no where The Ship Permian Still keeps us Company indeed it is very hard for us to part. we have not had wind Enough since saturday to get out of one anothers Sight. had some squalls of Rain this afternoon and from the looks of the weather we Shall have some more before morning. more rain more rest. Latitude 30° 30. North no observation this afternoon

Friday 9th

Have had a fine run to the Eastward the last 3 days, have seen more or less Ships each day Steering Eastward, This morning as we were headed along before the wind, the cry of There She blows! was heard, and the cheering news that it was a Sperm whale directly a-head lowered our boats at 6 A.M. but it being Still weather the whale got the run of our boats and we could not get near Enough to fasten. we chased him 'till 2 P.M. and then returned on board the Ship pretty well beat out 3 Ships hove in Sight while we were in persuit. one of them on our weather bow got the run of the whale and lowered her boats. we kept along on a point free with the Ship and at 5 P.M. had the whale on our lee bow half a mile distant lowered our boats again and just as the Sun was setting the Larboard boat Struck. the other boats closed in with him and at 8 P.M. we took him along Side, secured him got Supper and Set the watches for the night. Latitude 30°-9 Longitude 174-50-

Saturday Sept 10th ! Perry on the Lake !

We had quite a rugged night attended with heavy squalls of rain. it cleared up however towards morning when we called all hands and commenced Cutting & finished at 11 a.m. in cutting in the whale we found the head of a harpoon that had been in the whale sometime from the appearance of it as flesh around it was a complete jelly. that probably accounts for his being so shy of us during the day during the after part of the day it has been quite pleasant with the wind from the S W. commenced boiling at 12 M. Latitude 30-49- Longitude 174-33 one Barque in Sight boiling on our lee beam ——

Sunday 11th

Fine weather during the first part of the day 2 Sails in Sight on our weather beam. Finished boiling at 12 M. and just in time for we had plenty of rain during the afternoon the whale made us Fifty Eight barrels of oil. which makes us up One Thousand barrels = we want twenty Five hundred more to fill the Ship which I hope we shall obtain the next Eighteen months. Spoke the English Barques Indian. and Thames This afternoon the Indian is 38 months out with 1700. barrels of oil and has taken 300. this cruise the Thames has 200 of Sperm and 200. of whale oil 28 mos from London both of them is poor Enough rather worse than ourselves, the Thames has not taken but 38 barrels of oil this season all the Ships are bound to the Eastward We are bound to the Meredian to cruise a short time and shall then Shape our course for the Sandwich Isles No observation could be obtained this day ——

Tuesday 13th

Strong breezes from the S W. during the night attended with thick rainey weather at daylight this morning we close reefed the main Topsail and steered to the Eastward have had rain squalls all day. all hands have had the benefit of it

Wednesday Sept 14th

The weather began to clear up about 12 last night and as we had every appearance of a fair day we commenced at daylight to stow down which we completed and had the decks washed off by 3 P.M. Passed a Carcass of a Whale this afternoon saw several Fin-backs and plenty of Birds the latter part of the day has been very clear and we are under all sail for the night Steering E.N.E. by the wind, about 4 knots Latitude 31°-04' North Longitude 174° 39'-15" East

Sunday 18th

We have had delightful weather the last four days with the wind from the Eastward, have been headed to the North and South-East alternately but have seen nothing in particular except two Ships both of them Steering to the West-ward, This day the Ocean has been alive with Fin-backs Porpoises Squid &c, as it looks so lively we are in hopes with the full of the Moon to fall in with some Whales - as our time for Cruising this season grows short - last evening Miss Molle Pitcher paid one of our hands a visit and the boys forward had a grand lark of it it would take pages to relate the particulars so I shall postpone it and relate it verbily to any who may wish to know The after gang had a fine tuck out this day "Muscovey ducks ain't show no how," I should like to eat some - Latitude 31°-55' Longitude 175°-54'-17" East

Thursday 22nd

Fine weather still prevails with the wind from N.E. we have not seen anything of consequence for several days past although we have had the clearest weather of any this season This day Spoke the Ship Sarah Francis Capt Daggett of Fairhaven 34 Days out with 1400 barrels of Sperm oil he has been cruising well to Northward this season but has obtained only 90 barrels the last Six Months - Capt D- reports several Vessels nearly as badly off as himself and he is poor enough - God knows - he has seen Whales plenty the last fortnight - I hope we shall fall in with them soon we will by our luck - Latitude 29°-15' Longitude 177°-34'-06"

Sunday Sept 28th 1842 — " — " —

We have had very Strong breezes from the N.E. since Friday last it was probably the fag end of the line Gale have not been able to carry any Sail save a Close reefed main Topsail and Storm Staysail It hangs on like the tooth ache we are in hopes however from the looks of the weather since noon this day that we shall have a change soon. we this day dined off of a fine piece of Fresh Pork that we had reared on board the Ship it was Corned and no mistake !!! Latitude 30° 29' North Longitude about 175° East we have been headed since Friday Eve'g to the N.W and we suppose our drift to have been thirty or forty miles per day

Friday 30th — — — — —

Strong breezes from the North East still prevail with no Signs of a change we still keep on beating to the Eastward but make but little headway. have seen several Sails each day since Sunday all bound to Eastward. we have clear good weather night and day that affords us some comfort. the most we wish for at present is ~~the~~ plenty of whales. to pass away the time if nothing else Latitude 31°57' Longitude 177-12. One sail in Sight at Sundown

Tuesday October 4 1842 — " " " " " "

We have fine weather with light breezes from the N.W. nothing in sight of consequence since Saturday last when we parted Company with three different Sails they Standing to S.E and ourselves Standing to the north-ward to the windward in chase of a fair wind, we overhauled one on Sunday evening if our friends in the other Vessels got the same breeze they cannot be far to leeward of us. this day commenced Standing the regular Sea watches and shall continue them probably for the next Six weeks. or until we get on whaling ground again. in all probability we shall get into port about the twenty fifth of this month. we are rather late in the season and I want to get in before all the homeward bound vessels are gone as we shall not have such a chance again for months. Latitude 31°23' Longitude 179° 02' E

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Thursday Oct. 6th 1842

Fine weather with the wind from the S. W. we this day crossed the meredian and are once more in West longitude. nothing in Sight but Jim Backs Latitude 30 55 - Longitude 178-59- West - -

Friday 7th - - - - - - - -

This Morning at daylight discovered 2 Ships on our Starboard bow Heading to the Eastward Stood along until 3 P.M. when we Spoke the nearest one of the two She proved to be the Bartholomew Gosnold of Falmouth 33 Mos out with 2000. barrels of Sperm oil Capt. Russell informed us that the other Sail was the Elizabeth of Salem 21 Mos out with 900 barrels - Capt Russell Spent the Evening on board of us and we got considerable of the Japan Chit Chat. which would be waste of time and paper to insert here - Latitude 30-26 Longitude by Lunar Obs- 177. 24-15 West

Saturday 8th - - - -

Three Sails in Sight at daylight. Fine weather this prevails with the wind from the Westward This afternoon we again Spoke the Bartholomew Gosnold and furnished her with Paint oil, Coal Tar, and other things which She Stood in need of as we are a regular finding Store we Generally have something to furnish for any one that Speaks us. I Spent the Evening on board the B. G. and a very pleasant one it was. had a fine Supper, (thanks to the Steward who is first rate) and returned home about 10 o'clock fell in with several Boston Boys and made a small addition to my library Latitude this day 30-30 Longitude 176: 04-45 W

Sunday 9th - - - -

This day we had a change of wind and weather the wind is now in the old quarter N.E. and the weather thick and hazy 3 Sails in Sight during the day No observation this day - Supposed Longitude 175: West

Friday Oct. 14th 1842 — — — — — — —

We have had a variety of changes in wind and weather since Sunday have been able however to head our course the best part of the time. Sometimes before the wind sometimes free and sometimes on a bowline, have made considerable to the Eastward in the time as will be perceived by the account below we have had two Ships in company and have managed to keep ahead "till last night when somehow or other they both got the start of us and was this morning when we perceived them ~~had the start of us~~ about seven miles ahead we felt rather chop fallen after being the Bully for 5 days to be beat in that manner and in the dark too. however we had a good breeze and great hopes, not being able to draw up with them as usual we could not account for it until about noon at which time we discovered they had Royals and Top Gallant Studding sails which told us plainly the why's and wherefore: Our Capt. being in a Spunky humor ordered the Top mast Studding sail booms to be got aloft and the sails set which was done in about as little time as I am writing it and with a good breeze we could see that our Ship gained on the Chase at Sundown we had neared them about 4 Miles and if I am not mistaken, by tomorrow morning we shall have them as far astern of us as they were ahead this morning our good Ship is old but still has courage left and some folks will find it out or I am mistaken Latitude 31°-14 Longitude 166° 18'-45" West. Course E.N.E. I have made several blunders in writing up this day. I have been quite busy and much amused reading Midshipman Easy, which will I hope be sufficient excuse for all errors &c &c &c &c &c

Sunday 16th Light breezes from the Northward this day. lost sight of our consort during the night they steering to the S.E. while we held on our course E.N.E. for the present— Nearly lost the use of my right Eye last night by a blow from the Top mast Studding sail Sheet which got adrift during a heavy Squall from the N.W. it is the first Black Eye I ever carried about me that is something remarkable for a Sailor to say with truth. The Watches have been employed This day! 58
Setting up Casks. I think it might have been deferred 'till tomorrow I do not like to see such work, but cannot help it. Lat. 32-5 Long. 162-04'
I want to get home once more!!!!

Monday 17th October 1842 - - - - -

This morning at daylight discovered a Sail directly ahead we had evidently overhauled her during the night as their was no Sail in Sight at sundown the evening previous having a good wholesale breeze we come up with her at 2 P.M. She proved to be the Barque Nye of New Bedford out since the flood with 800. Bls of Sperm oil Capt. Smith paid us a visit. we got no news however worth mentioning he is bound to Woahoo for Provisions as he intends making another Cruise, poor fellows they will be between 4 and 5 Years before they make the U.S. they have had Hard Luck all round Latitude 31°-15' North, Longitude 160°-40' West — — we had a little Skirmish this morning between the second officer and Cooper this is the second time this voyage they have fallen out this time their was no blood Spilt but the Cooper Showed Marks on his face and neck I hope it will be the last time, which was to blame I cannot tell as I was below both times. I can only guess.

Tuesday 18th

Fine weather With Strong breezes from the Southward Two Sails in Sight at daylight Steering to Eastward we are far enough along now, for a Northerly wind Should we be fortunate in getting one we Shall be in to an anchor by Tuesday. at Sun down we had run the two Sails out of Sight one bearing N. the other N.W. by N. — Latitude 31-27 Longitude 158°-48'-30" West — The land bears by Compass. S.E. by S. distance about 700. miles

Sunday 23d

Strong breezes from the N.E. with clear weather took the regular N.E. Trade winds Thursday morning and have been going about Seven Knots since that time, have seen nothing in our line of business Save our Barks and the Ocean, that is in our line and can be seen at any time for months at a time without the aid of a Telescope, at Sundown took in the Studding Sails, Top Gallant Sails, and double reefed the Top-Sails The land bearing about S.E. distant one hundred & fifty miles we Shall raise it tomorrow and if we have luck Shall probably get in towards night Latitude 22°-42' North. Longitude 155°-59. West.

Monday Oct 24th 1842 — — — —
Strong breezes during the first part of the night. at 12
Midnight raised the land 2 points on our Starboard bow
Stood along the rest part of the night and at day light
was in the mouth of the passage between Mowee & Morotai
we had a fine breeze and had no time to play for a few
hours carried us to our anchorage Mowee. we come
too, in 18 Fathoms of water the land being about 1 mile distant
After the Sails were handed we commenced our work. took
Ashore about two Hundred barrels of Casks to fill with water
and at Sun down we had one Hundred of them full and
hoisted on board, cleared up the decks, and got ready
to receive Company. as we have Ten Ships laying close
to us. all of them are a longer time out than ours Lies —
Tuesday and Wednesday. Engaged in getting off
Water and Refreshments. Some of the hands engaged in
painting the lower works of the Ship one Ship Sailed
and three others arrived since Monday — — — —
Thursday 27th
As the principle part of the work has been got
through with and not much use for all hands the
Captain gave orders for the watch to get ready for
going on Shore the Starboard watch accordingly
did not wait for a second Call, it was their
turn. the rest engaged in the usual duty, that is
the best part of them doing Nothing. we have plenty of
Company evenings as the Ships Companies are exchanging
Visits with one an other it Shows a good feeling
We Shall not make a long Stay here as we are
bound in on the Coast, Shall Probably have a day
or two' run ashore and then up Anchor and off
we go. had a visit from a Bostonian this
Evening he belongs to the Ship Elizabeth of Salem we
am four old School boy pranks and over hauled
almost all the people residing between Essex St
and South Boston Bridge. She spent quite a pleasant Eve

Tuesday November 1st 1842

We have been off and on Shore since Thursday and the Captain being anxious to get to sea we this Morning at daylight got under Way and was fortunate enough to get clear of the land by Sun down I have said nothing respecting the Islands Inhabitants or produce but shall give a General Sketch on my last visit to them (Sandwich Isls) which will be I hope next September, we shall probably visit them in April next before we proceede to Japan and at the expiration of the Japan season. shall visit them for the last time this voyage. and as I keep some little notes of each visit a sum of them all I hope will be both Correct and impartial. We lost one Man at the Islands David McAvoy belongs to Lowell he run away with the intention as I have since learned of going home in the Ship St. George which is bound directly to New Bedford success to him. I sent by the Ship St. George my box of Shells, teeth, Feathers, &c &c together with Several letters, which I hope will inform my friends that they are not entirely Neglected by me —"—

Sunday 6th

Strong trade winds since leaving port the wind has favoured us at times very much as we have headed from N.E. to N.W. the two first days we held our course N.E. which give us a good start to the Eastward. The weather is thick, hazy, and quite Cold. Most of our folks have taken a severe Cold but none are dangerous. we shall probably be out of the Trades in a day or two. and then with a breeze from the Westward we shall soon make the main land I hope we shall be fortunate in falling in with Whales. for I am sick at heart of this voyage and

Sunday 6th - The sooner it is made the bette
I long for a comfortable fireside of my own. and I
think I can kill whales with more comfort there than
in the Pacific with all its beauties = Oh! my Country!!
we hear of dreadful times at home one paper states tha
their is three hundred sail of Shipping hauled up in New
all the Banks in a new stew = what is the matter! will
not the New President and Congress Bill ha! ha!! ha
two dollars pr. day and roast beef. has done the business for
but enough of Politics we in the Pacific ocean are somewhat
like some back settlements of the west. one word now and
then kicks up quite a breeze, we like them, know nothing
of what is going on in the great world. I forget to men
when in port of the loss. of the fine Ship Jefferson of Nantucket
she was wrecked of the 4th of June at Atooi one of the
Sandwich Isles, She had 1700. barrels Sperm oil. it was near
a total loss. - We do not expect to fall in with any
untile we make Cape St. Lucas or thereabouts it is good
whaling Ground all along the Coast of California and
I hope to be able to tell a good Story by & by Amen
Latitude 27=44 North Longitude 153=40. 35 West

Sunday 13th

The past week we have had the wind from
ESE. to ENE. nearly in our teeth or so much so
that we have made but little headway the weather
has been tolerable untile this day when it has been
quite rugged the cause of which was a heavy Swell
from the westward, Carried away our After Starboard
davit head this afternoon and towards night
lost a reef in the Top sails, during the week we
have been engaged in refitting & Painting our boats
they are now in as good order as when we left
America we only want a use for them. the weather
is not quite as warm as on Japan, very little Caulking
Latitude 32°=20. North = Longitude 148°-40° West

Sunday Nov.r 20 th 1842. {Pumpkin Pie's Thanksgiving week}

We have had a Cold, haggs. disagreable week with the wind from the Eastward and consequently head a head for us. as we are now nearly in the same latitude of Rome the weather is not much different with us than it is with our good folks in that quarter in the Month of November, they have the advantage of us however in Comfort, Sitting by a good fire is far better than braving this uncomfortable Eastern Sleet the advantage is the weather will be on our side in the course of a month or about the time they are blowing the January frost out of their fingers we shall be basking in Sun shine on the line or there-about but for all the Comforts that we can imagine I had much rather be about Seventy one degrees farther to the West-ward. I should then soon be able to take by the hand some that I long to see again the Captain of our good bark talks of two years more it is dreadful to think of that time! must unrival all—

Latitude 39-40 North Longitude 139-15-45 west

Sunday 27 th

The last four days of the past week we have had the wind from the Eastward with Cold disagreable weather and a heavy Sea, on Thursday 24 th The wind hauled to the South-ward and was quite light we immediately had our little kites (Studdingsails) Spread to Catch all we could of it, saw a Shoal of Blackfish towards night lowered our boats and had a little fun but no fish. Friday the wind hauled to the westward and from that time up to this Evening we have been going five or six knots with Square Yards and moderate weather have seen plenty of Fin Backs the last two days and feel in hopes as we draw in with the land to fall in with some Square Heads, should the wind hold we shall probably make the land or green water by Wednesday next or thereabouts God Speed

Latitude 36°-23 North. Longitude 130°-18-45 West

Sunday December 4th 1842

The past week we have had a fine run and good weather. it has been a busy week with us. Coopering our meat mending Sails &c &c. it is well we coopered our meat at this time. for it is bad enough with good care. and I do not know what it would come to if it was neglected during the week we have taken Five porpoises. the men averages quite well for a fresh mess and they have made as Ten Gallons of lamp oil. have seen several Fin-backs. plenty of kelp and rock weed, This Morning at daylight raised the Land one point on our weather bow it is supposed to be the Island of Gandeloupe situated in about 28-20 North Latitude it is a fine looking Island at 12 miles distance and is unhabited except by Seals & Birds. it lies about two degrees to the westward of the main Land. The weather has moderated considerable since Sunday last. but is still quite cold in the night watches we have had but little caulking for the last two or three weeks, if nothing occurs to stop our progress, by next Sunday we shall be in warm weather Latitude 28-34. Longitude 118-14. West ——

Sunday 11th { saw this day 3 Ships the first we have seen since leaving the Sandwich Islands }

The past week has been another busy one. "to wit" on Monday broke out the Rum (the after hold under the Cabin Generally used for Ships Stores) in order to examine our Small Stores found it all in good order except the Rum that had taken a Start and on found ourselves (or the owners) Minus Eight Barrels for my part I wish it had all leaked out for to tell the truth their is a great deal to much on board ——

The remainder of the week up to Friday we were engaged in Mending Sails, fitting & Repairing our rigging &c &c. Friday 9th made the main Land Cape St Lucas situated in 22° North Latitude Longitude 109-57 early in the morning but owing to light winds we did not get near enough to

Our

Sunday Dec^r 11^th 1842

make any discoverys. we had a light breeze during the night and at daylight was within six miles of the Settlement on the Cape. it died away calm and the Captain lowered his boat and with a boats crew went on Shore to hear the news get a Bullock and any thing else that he might fancy he happened to get them just in time as there was a trader stoping short time. and was in want of many things that we had to dispose of after a short time ashore the Capt and the trader came on board and we had quite a busy time of it he bought five Barrels of N.E.Rum which I paid one dollar a gallon, one Barrel of wine at 2.50 per Gall bout 400. pound of Tobacco. Several Kegs of Paint Calico Cloths, Hatchets Axes &c &c. all of which he paid for and no Mistake After dinner he went ashore and availed myself of the opportunity to have a squint at the Land and some of the Spanish girls, and was on shore 'till Sundown, the place consists of some 10 or 12 houses & out houses and about 40 Inhabitants men, women, & Children, and they appear to be in a thriving condition if we may judge from the number of little ones, saw several fine girls some interesting Children and a pair of Twins 40 days old in good order and well to do. saw one little fellow 9 months old dressed up in jacket & Trowsers as large as life, his mother a fine looking woman about 25 years of age looked as though she was about to publish another edition shortly, success to them I say! and take it all in all it is quite a pleasant place to enjoy the comforts of life in, towards Sundown we got our purchases ready and started for the Ship. by the by I had a glorious tuck out on eggs & Milk with some made bread and Cheese for a dezert. and "boat off One Bullock with us which weighed about 400. pounds - fine living the rest of the week. and so good night. Latitude 22°-33 N. Longitude 110°-01 W.

Sunday Dec^r 18th

Fine weather during the past week with light winds from the N.E. the time employed in setting up rigging and other duty belonging to the Ship. On Tuesday while engaged in setting up the Bob-stays the cry was raised of "a Man overboard" all hands was in motion in an instant it proved to be the second officer who had slipped over unobserved by all forward, but was fortunately seen by the Cook. who was drawing water in the waste. Ropes were thrown to him by which he was taken on board again it proved fortunate for him that the Cook caught sight of him as he did as he could hardly swim and had not been on deck five minutes when a tremendous large Shark made his appearance in our wake not more than five or six fathoms from the Ship. they are plenty all along this part of the Coast and of the worst species, — We Cruised off Cape St Lucas all the first part of the week when not seeing any-thing, on Saturday morning we put the Ship on the Eastern boards. and I believe it is the intention of the Captain to proceed a few degrees up the Gulf of California as plenty of Whales have been seen there, at this season of the year, hope we shall be fortunate enough to fall in with some of them soon. have seen plenty of Hump-backs, Turtle, & porpoises together with numerous flocks of birds of various Kinds, Latitude 23°-58' North — Longitude 107°-41'-15" West —

Sunday Dec^r 25th Christmas day ~~Last Year at Sea~~

The first part of the week we had strong breezes. Continued on our Course up the Gulf of California when not seeing anything but Humpbacks. and the weather changing for the worse we kept away to the S.E. for the Maria Islands situated in the 21°-28' North Latitude. Longitude 106, 54 West. after clearing the Gulf we had the weather more moderate. Wednesday 21st Made the Maria Islands. and it being Calm or nearly so and the land but 4 or 5 Miles distant. the Captain Ordered three Boats to be cleared away, and

Sunday Dec^r 25^th Continued - he with the
sick belonging to the boats went on Shore for the purpose
of getting some wood they succeeded in getting the 3
boats loaded and on board again about 2 P.M.
The Island abounds in black & yellow Ebony Beach
& other wood and is plentifully supplied with Rats
our folks killed some that was 10 fat long. took
the wood on board and proceeded on our Course
S.E. probably for the Gallapagos Glands situated on
and about the Equator, Thursday 22^nd Commenced
repairing the Boat that we had Stove on Japan in
July last The Captain is quite a Boat Builder and from
all appearances will make her as good as new it has been
a dead Calm for the 3 days plenty of Porpises Dolphin & other
fish around the Ship, so that we get a fresh bite now & then
This morning (Sunday) The Captain come on deck and
commenced work as usual, one of the Crew Wm Brown
a very Pious & good man told the Captain it was wrong
to work on the Sabbath. The Capt^n told him to go forward
and mind his own business. he not Starting Quick enough
the Capt^n helped him with several blows and some pushing
he took it all without any resistance saying Christ
suffered more for me than I can ever suffer for him
and at the last blow from the Capt^n his reply was to
him "May the Lord have Mercy on your Soul poor man" I
do not think it right to work on the Sabbath when
it can be avoided and in this case, it was unnecessary
as the Boat has been in a crippled State for the last
6 months we have 4 Boats fitted and one new boat
beside the Stoven one so I do not see as a day could
have made any material difference - It is not the
first Sunday this Voyage we have been engaged in
unnessary work, but their is no help for poor Jack but
to grin & bear it - I felt quite hurt for poor D— for
he is certainly a well meaning & truly pious man. Some
of us has thought of late that he was a little insane!
Splice the main brace this Evening ????? Latitude 1°-30 Longitude 104°-40 W

Sunday January 1st 1843

A happy New Year to all! We here in the pacific have had a delightful day with the wind from the South East blowing about five knots, we have had fine weather since monday last with light breezes. have not made much headway during the week last Monday we had a California Squall that made our old ship wink. it commenced at 4 P.M. and lasted about 3 hours. it carried away our Fore Topsail & Jib and nearly laid the ship on her beam ends. after we got the canvas confined she rested more easy. during the afternoon and the first watch at night we had plenty of rain attended with very heavy Thunder. but on Tuesday morning all was bright and clear. have seen plenty of Birds, this week but no Sperm whales. we are getting impatient a good deal and I hope the commencement of the new year will be a commencement of new prospects to us. This according to the doctrine of the Fanatic Millers is the last year. I have no doubt it will be to many, as all former years have been before it. but according to my ideas it is not in the power of any earthly being to say which year is to be the last to all. I should however like to be at home about this time. for to see the Mrs I am getting Sick! Sick!! Sick!!! of this voyage they talk about 2 years more

Latitude 13°40 North Longitude 104°20 West

Sunday Jany 8th "Battle of New Orleans!!!

We had a fine run the first part of the past week see nothing of consequence, until Thursday when the Ocean was alive with Finbacks porpoises &c &c since Thursday we have had little or no wind and consequently have not made much progress. but from appearances this morning we shall have a breeze from some quarter soon. completed the repairs on our Stove boat and painted & fitted her for action on Friday. had some showers Friday afternoon and during the night and shall probably have them for some 2 or 3 days more this day have had a warm calm day saw two water Spouts this afternoon about 3 miles to leeward of us and I am in hopes to have something of more importance to note next week so good night 7 P.M.

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Latitude 5°40 N Longitude 100° 53' West 9 P.M. At home.

Sunday January 15th 1843

The past has been a disagreeable dreary week we have had rain in abundance very little wind and that little dead a-head our progress has been slow and our prospects dull however we "grin and bear it" this is the ~~seventeenth~~ seventy seventh day since leaving the Sandwich Islands and have not reached the equinoctial line yet patience! patience!! all will yet be well. our good Ship has been visited during the week with some of the ills of the land as well as sea, one of our "small world" Tom B. Durall has been reduced to the last stage of life, he now lays in a critical state what the disease is no one on board can tell. he was carried below on Thursday morning and has not spoken since till within a few moments ago. he answered a question put to him by the Cook. he took a little gruel this day being the only thing he has eat or drank since Tuesday last. the lower part of his limbs was cold and stiff on Friday and we did not expect him to live from one minute to another, he is still alive and I hope he may recover as it is the intention of the Captain if he does, to send him home from the next port. he has been an inmate at the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester. and has acted strangely several times during the voyage. but withall has been one of the first in Ships duty. one of the Boat Steers had his foot badly bruised on Tuesday but is now getting better. and the Captain has been nearly double during the week with rheumatism. the rest of the crew are well but like myself "rather down at the mouth" Latitude 2°-50 north Longitude 98°-31 west

Sunday 22nd " Home Sweet Home "

We have had a variety of changes in the weather during the week, with light winds from the South-ard our progress has been slow having made but 29 miles per day to the Southward on an average which is very dull work. the wind has been dead a-head and we have had to beat to windward against a strong Current setting west a little Northerly

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Sunday Jan.y 22 ond 1843

Crossed the Equator yesterday and we now have some hopes of falling in with some whales, it is nearly five months since we have seen the Spout of a Sperm whale fortune will favour us by & by. I hope our case is desperate and nothing short of the Smiles of dame fortune will effect a cure. we are now bound out to the Southward in Latitude 4 and 5 degrees and for my self I feel in hopes of falling in with some of the outward bound Ships. a letter from Home now would cheer me along wonderfully, Our Sick man is on the mending hand he is able to crawl on deck a little and we now live in hopes he will so far recover as to resume his duty again shortly, the Captain is not much better the Rheumatism hangs on and he is as cross as the D—l This has been the mildest day we have had for some time and tolerable clear with calm. Commenced Standing Quarter watches on Sunday. so that now we have Nothing to do and nobody to help us. Oh! for the comforts of Home!!

Latitude 0=37' South Longitude 101=50 West

Sunday 29 th — Off Shore Ground

Fine weather during the week past with a good breeze from the S.E. (the regular trade winds) have not as yet seen any Ships or Whales we are now on the ground where Thousands of barrels of Oil has been taken and it will be hard if we cannot get a few hundred time will show; last Wednesday we fell in with Blackfish lowered three boats and was fortunate in securing 3 which yielded us about 180 Gallons better than Nothing! our Sick man is again down and I think his case doubtful he looks as thin as a Skeleton the Captain has improved and the Boatsteers foot is getting better he broke his too but did not find it out at first so we have now only two on the sick list

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Latitude S=07 South Longitude 106=35 West

Sunday February 5th

Fine weather during the week past we have been over a considerable track of whaling ground but see nothing of consequence until this day at ½ past One P.M. when the joyful cry of there she blows! was heard, with the pleasing intelegence that it was a large Sperm whale on our lee beam about 3 miles distant no time was lost in getting our boats ready and on his reappearance we down and gave chase, in less than half an hour the boats were fast and in about two hours from the time we first see him we had him alongside hitched up by the Tail! - Commenced cutting and got well along by sun down knocked off at dark and set the watches for the night our sick folks I think is on the mending hand for which, and our little luck this day we feel truly thankfull —

Latitude 4.02 South Longitude 109 West

Sunday 12th

Fine weather during the past week and a little work to employ our time, Monday the 6th finished cutting and on wednesday Eve finished boiling the whale yielded us eighty barrels of oil, on Friday we stowed it in the hold and are now ready and willing to commence operations again as soon as fortune favours us we have been as far as 50 miles south of the line this week and with the breeze we have at this season we go in the course of the week from 5 South to or about the line and back again so that if there is any whales there we shall stand a chance of seeing them, our sick folks are better and so am I!

Latitude 2°-80 South Longitude 114.46 West

Sunday February 16th 1843

Another week of fine weather has past and some little prospects with it. during the first part we saw plenty of Fin-backs porpoises &c. — on Friday 17th Spoke the Barque Fellowes of Stonington Capt. Brewster 12 Mos out with 600 Casks of Sperm oil She had seen plenty of whales on the Line within the last two months Got some papers dated June 1842 which is the latest news we have from home. did not see anything very important except the flare up of the Suffrage party of Rhode Island, the retirement of Henry Clay from the Senate of the U.S. and the attempted assassination of little Victoria. I was in hopes when we did see a vessel to get a letter but I could hardly expect one from that quarter Capt. B — spent the best part of the day with us. and we got some news of the inshore fleet of Ships —

Saturday 18th at 3 P.M. Spoke the Barque Martha of Fairhaven 30 Mos out with 1050 bbls of Sperm Oil, Capt. Hammond has had hard luck as well as ourselves he is 3 months from Wahoo & has not taken a whale this season, he reports at Woahoo the Ship Peirce of New Bedford which arrived a few days before he left. having lost the Captain, Mate Steward, Cook, and four of the hands by Scurvy. the Peirce is to proceed home under the charge of the Second Mate It is dreadful to hear of such things when we know it to have been caused by carelessness on the part of the Captains. but he has paid the debt: and I will not censure him now. peace be unto them all — about 10 minutes after Sunset saw a School of Sperm whales, both ships lowered, their boats but did not succeed in fastening it was too late to do anything I hope we shall see some more soon

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Latitude 0° 11' South Longitude 119 30 West

Good night

Wednesday Feb'y 22 on Washington's birth day
Fine weather with light winds, at 9 A.M. We again Spoke the Barque Martha for the purpose of getting a Sextant, the Captain paid us a visit and remained on board during the day, at 5 P.M. raised a large Shoal of Sperm Whales we immediately lowered our boats but they were to Quick for us, going about 6 miles per hour we pulled the Sun and then returned on board. This day gave birth to greatest patriot the world ever produced. I wish it had given birth to some hopes of a fortunate voyage for us but it did not, perhaps some other day will and the Sooner the better.
Latitude at 12 M. 13° North Longitude 121° 47' 15"

Sunday March 5th
For the last ten days we have had fine weather I have been unable to write owing to a Whitlow on my right thumb, had it opened on Friday it is now getting better fast, have not seen anything during that time of particular consequence except the Great Comet and the Ship Harrison, which Ship we Spoke on Monday last She is 19 mo. from home with 800 bbls of Sperm oil, She is a beautiful Ship and Sails like a bird She was as well as the Old "General" did in 1840 but with all her Speed She has not been any more fortunate than the Whig administration She is bound to Japan to retrieve her fallen fortunes and I should advise some of the Whigs to take a trip up Salt River for the same purpose. but Enough of politics We got some papers Dated July 1842 and several of our folks got letters, but there was none for me I was greatly disappointed has the folks forgot that Joe Cays was in the Pacific ocean!!

Sunday March 5th Continued - - -
time will show 22 Mos out and not one word
from home it makes me feel alone in this world
we are now bound to the Sandwich Islands and
perhaps I shall be more fortunate: God grant it,
March 1st 5 1841
Tuesday the 29th February at 7 P.M. we discovered
the Comet bearing W.S.W and we have seen
it every night since it is very bright its tail
extends 27 degrees in length its course is about W
it is a splended sight and the more so as it
was unexpected! If nothing occurs to alter our
plans we shall be in port on or about the 25th
of the present month we have done nothing this
cruise, to hasten our voyage, this we have hopes
Latitude 50 miles South. Longitude 131° 21' 15" West

Sunday 12th

Light winds and pleasant weather during the
week past. nothing in sight save the Comet which
we have seen nightly this week and shall continue
to see it if we live and have clear weather for 3
or 4 weeks more. have had some little amusement
this last week having got several Books (new to us)
from the Ship Harrison among which was the
Phantom Ship and Frank Melday by Capt. Marryat
The Outlaw. Museum of History and several numbers
of the Lady's Book. The Last is a fine work it contains
some of the best Tales I have ever read The May
number for 1841 is excellent the story of the False
Teeth is Ok! Ok!! we heard of the Ship Delaware
some weeks ago being on the line, bound from Boston
to the Sandwich Islands. I long to get there, for
if my friends at home has not entirely forgotten me
I shall have letters, papers, and perhaps some books
to pass away this dull tedious voyage - Good night
Latitude 6-42 N Longitude 137-54 West Owhyhee
bearing NW 3/4 W Distant 125-6 Miles - - -
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Sunday March 19th

Strong breezes from the N.E. during the first part of the past week took the NE Trades on Monday 13th and commenced standing half watches this day has been a delightful one with light breezes and clear sky have seen nothing of consequence during the week consequently have nothing to relate of interest this time Latitude 18°-35' North Longitude 115°-00 West Course W.N.W. Oahu bee distant 523 Miles

Sunday Mch 26th Sandwich!

Have had a fine run during the week. on Thursday evening saw a Brig steering to N.E. probably for the Society Isles. Friday 24th at 10 A.M. raised the land which proved to be Oahu bee. kept away for the lee side of the Island as it is the intention to touch at Karakakoa bay for the purpose of getting wood. had a fine run down the land during the day and first part of the night since then up to 9 a.m. this day we have not had any wind. took the pilot about 9 this forenoon and with him a fine little breeze from the S.S.W. which was as fair as it could blow in two hours from the time the pilot came on board we were coming to an anchor in 15 fathoms of water and within a 8th of a mile from a perpendicular bluff Eight hundred feet above the level of the sea. there is no vessel in port the Barque Rajah left here for Manilla Yesterday afternoon She was in sight this morning on our larboard beam. this is a safe harbour for any wind but a Southerly and they seldom blow in this part of the world it is also renowned as the death and burial place of the famous voyager Cooke in the year 1778 we shall probably have a chance of seeing it by and bye and then I shall state particulars, employed this afternoon in writing home

Monday Mch 27th

Engaged this day in getting recruits and overhauling our head Gear had several showers but none sufficiant to stop our head way the deck has been lined with natives during the day this is a fine place for refreshments as every thing is brought to the Ships Side tomorrow we shall take in our wood and the calculation is now to get under way on Wednesday. 5 Salt fish here will buy a barrel of Sweet Potatoes and 4 a barrel of Yams one good sized fish will buy a bunch of bannanas containing from 50 to 100. this is cheap living for we catch the fish and the Salt from our provisions is sufficiant to make them. had a visit from the Missionary (Mr Ives) this afternoon —

Tuesday 28th

This morning it commenced raining and continued during the forenoon nothing doing until Afternoon it having cleared up we got seven boat loads of wood and stowed it below decks some few recruits such as hogs. Poultry &c. about 4 P.M. several of the Crew went on Shore for a run. one of our boys nearly lost his life in an attempt to come down the bluff abreast of the anchorage he lost his foot hold. and fell some 30 or 40 feet. he injured himself considerably but not dangerous we on board was watching him with Spy Glasses both ourselves and the natives expected nothing more or less than that he would be dashed to pieces he is a reckless little fellow and if we carry him back to New Bedford it will be good luck the natives said that he was the first one that had ever undertaken to decend that place he is a regular Yankee and fond of experiments — — — — —

Wednesday March 29th 1843 — — —
Our work being all done all hands went on Shore for the day. myself and several others took to the Mountains, visited the rock where Capt^n Cooke was killed likewise his Monument situated about one mile from the sea Shore on the side of the mountain it is filled with Names I saw my own, placed there seven years ago. the place where the monument is erected is a fit emblem of the life of that famous voyager it is composed of ridges of broken rocks and is near a burnt out Volcano. More particulars by & bye proceeded on our walk and arrived at the house of Mr Barret the Carpenter of Owhyee where we spent the remainder of the day and was entertained in a hospitable manner his wife is a native one of the Chiefs daughters a fine looking woman with pleasing manners She is the mother of two as fine children as I ever saw the eldest girl 5½ years old is a perfect beauty, the boy 1½ years his fair now to become a man of importance on these Islands if he tarrys there, the mountains abound with most of the luxuries of life, Coffee Grows in abundance and without much cultivation saw some cotton trees, plenty of Indigo & Castor Oil bushes and in fact any thing that folks want to live. all that is wanting is the enterprise of some of our Yankee farmers. to make it "Paradise" returned on board at dark pretty well beat out — —
Thursday 30th — — — — — — —
The wind being dead a-head we could not get out of the Bay so as we had nothing to do. all hands went on Shore except the Capt^n Mate and Steward. I again visited Mr Barret and spent the best part of the day. returned on board at dark. and after a "Yam" between ourselves turned in for a "nap" at

Thursday March 30th 1843 "Continued"
11 P.M. We had the wind off the Land and the Pilot gave orders to call all hands and get under Way which was done in one hour. The pilot left us at 12 midnight and the watch was set and should the breeze continue we shall be at Nowee by Saturday morning saw a Brig on our Starboard bow at 2 A.M. the Volcano on the N.W. Part of Owhee was in sight during the morning watch, Friday 31st Thick and rainey but the breeze still continues in all probability we shall be to an Anchor tomorrow — — — — — —

Sunday April 2nd

We have had it Calm since Yesterday morning and have not made 5 Miles since that time, have been in sight of the Shipping the last 24 hours and one hours good breeze would take us in, the Anchorage is about 8 Miles distant we have the appearance of a little wind and should it prove favourable we shall be in some time during the night — — — —

A breeze struck us at about 9 P.M. and we made the most of it and with it and our boats succeeded in getting to an Anchor at 10 minutes before 12 Midnight their is 10 Ships now at anchor in the bay the names will be seen by reference to ship's list

Monday 3d Commenced refitting our Casks and cleaning Ship. had a visit this day from my Brother John from the Ships Jane Robertson as we was not very busy went on Shore with him and Spent the afternoon and Evening he is to sail tomorrow so I shall not have an opportunity to see him but once more this season

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Thursday Apl 4th Engaged in stowing water and clearing out our Half decks we shall get through or nearly so by night and the watch will go on Liberty tomorrow

Wednesday 5th The Larboard Watch went on shore this day I spent the first part of the day on board the Ship Robertson who is now ready as soon as the breeze shifts to go to sea She is bound to Japan and in all probability we shall meet on that ground sometime during the season I hope so at least as nothing of consequence is like to occur I shall omit daily notes there is now 32 Ships and barques to an anchor most of them from home and bound to the North West not one Letter for me out of the whole fleet it is hard but "Cant be helped" I wrote and sent home letters to all my friends and shall write again from Wootan

This day Wm B Duval went on shore upon the outside hands to go home

Thursday Apl 13th Having had a run on shore and finished our Ships business we this day got under way at 9 A.M. had a fine breeze down the passage at 2 P.M. we was in sight of the Shipping but did not come too until Friday 14th at daylight let go an anchor outside the Reef as our stay here will be short there is several Ships now laying outside waiting for a fair wind to go into the bay the English Sloop of war Calypso sent large Large Packets up inside the

Sandwich Islands is now under the
English flag and the Carys for a Hop of war
is here to enforce obedience, the original
Government has been hard upon foreigners
of late and they will find a stop put to it
now Lord Georg is severe but not more
so than occasion requires. the Missenarys
have been the cause of all disturbance but
their race at the Sandwich Islands is run.
I shall mention this subject hereafter —
Saturday 15th At 10 A M. took our
Anchor and the boat went in for the
Captain who having finished his business
proceed to the Ship at 4 P.M. when we
squared our Yards. for One hour for the purpose
of procuring Yams we have a Chief on board
as the natives dare not break Ground without
permission from the King for it is the kings private
property
Monday 17th at daylight we was
near enough to send in our boat, and by
10 A.M. we had every thing on board
and ready for a Start but I had again to land
and I am heartily glad for with Colds &c
we are all about sick and we want
our regular diet and rest to settle with
our inward Creditors I am sick and no mistake
and I shall go through a course of Gentle
Medicine directly we clear the land we are
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to now God Speed us ——

Sunday April 30th

Since the 17th we have had a cracking breez from the N.E. as much as we wanted to carr a double reefed Topsail & fore Course, and ha made our passage in seven days les time than did last year it is 13 days since we left th Land and are now on whale ground a conside to the Eastward of the Meredian. Thursday 2 saw some whales breaching but of what kind w did not find out as it was blowing fresh an they bound to windward. I have been ingu but with the aid of Castor oil Rhubarb. We have weathered the Gale and am now on hand -- Thursday 27th Crossed the Meredian 180th degr in Latitude 23.11. and hauled up to the Northwa as we are bound to about 30 North. we have no seen any thing since leaving the land, the weath has changed the last day or too and is now fus rate. and in fact we are well manned and rea to commence business on any scale that is honest — Latitude 28.11 North. Longitude 170.03 East

Sunday May 7th

Cold wet and any disagreable weather duri the past week have seen nothing worthy of reco the weather is not quite so bad as it was last Year altho it is bad Enough. This day at 12 M. the cry of Sail ho! right ahead as we had seen no ships since leaving the Islands we kept for her in hopes of hearing some good news proved to be the Ship Martha of Newport R. Capt. Davenport 18 mos out with 850 bbls of oil the Capt. came on board of us and the Ships stood along to NW. at 4½ oclock Sail ho! was agai

Sunday May 7th — Continued —
Heard from the Mast head Man it was a Shj. on our Weather beam Steering directly for us. we Jogged along under easy Sail. and at 8 P.M. exchanged Salutes. which proved her to be the Shj. Sam.l Robinson Capt.n Warner She has got nothing since leaving port She is 18 mos out with 700 barrels of Sperm Oil Capt.n Warner visited us and with him my Brother John. And we Spent a pleasant evening and parted at 11 P.M. we keep good hours at Sea we shall probably see each other again this Cruise Latitude 30.. 15 Longitude 109-23= East=

Sunday 14th — — — — — — —
Light winds and a Strong Current setting to the N.E. during the week past plenty of porpises Finbacks & Squid but no Sperm whales as yet. At daylight this Morning raised a Shj. on our Starboard beam Steering S. Our Course being SSW. we drawed together towards 9 P.M. Saw Another Sail on our Starboard Quarter Steering to the N.E. at 3½ o'clock lowered our boat and went on board the Shj. Sam.l Robinson Spent the remainder of the afternoon and evening. the same is as fine a Shj as Sails out of America in the Whaling business The Captain is rather a hard Customer if all accounts are correct I have been very fortunate in falling in with my boat as this makes three visits within the last 5 weeks it seems like being in the world when a body can see one of his own kin once in a while, took on board the S.R. all my books. but got none in exchange their Cargo of literature being Small
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Latitude 32-15= Longitude 108-54 East —

Sunday May 21st 1843

Various winds during the past week have been
Fishes of all kinds (save Sperm Whales) the good ship
Samuel Robinson has been in sight every day "till
Yesterday when she Steered away to the S.E. have
got out of patience I suppose in this quarter we
have had two meetings during the week and
furnished Capt. Warren with some hundred feet
of Yellow pine heading. Got some fine novels from
the folks on board of the S.R. I have been much
interested with the perusal of the "Miseries of Harried
the Peckwick Club. Horace Vernon, Birth Deaths & Ma
and Louisa or the Cottage on the Moor the last is
Owen of the olden time. but withall very interesting. we
are now alone again, but I dare not be long as there
is a great number of Ships for Japan this season
Latitude 30=28 Longitude 167=54=15= East.

Sunday 28th

Another week has past without bettering our
condition every thing seems alive but the one thing
needful Sperm Whales. the weather has been good
with top Gallant breezes now. the N.E.= & S.W.
Yesterday saw a Ship Steering to the S.E. &
this Morning raised Another on our lee beam
She went out of sight Steering E.N.E. this
afternoon we had a Squall attended with rain
it lasted about 2 hours. This day completes
our 25th Month since leaving America and
we have procured but about 1100. barrels of oil. the
prospect looks black at present but we have no
complaint until the end of this season
Latitude 30=12 N. Longitude 167=14=30 E.

Thursday June 1 82
Thick hazy weather since Sunday, this day
at 12 M. raised a large Sperm whale on our
lee beam he turned flukes and was gone one
hour and five minutes he made his appearance
right a-head 4 miles off we down boats and
pulled "till 5 P.M. but never see the whale he
probably gave us the Ship in a squall of rain
which lasted us about 3/4ths of an hour we do not
mind a 4 or 5 hours pull if there is any chance
of getting any-thing to shorten our voyage we look
for some good weather now and should be glad
to have plenty of work. all hands are on hand!
Latitude 31-05 North Longitude 168 24 E

Sunday 4 Th
Since Thursday night we have had very severe
weather nothing to be seen but the "breaking waves"
Friday night it commenced blowing and from
that time "till this morning we have been under
Storm Staysails. the Wind was from the Westward
but towards morning it hauled suddenly out
to the Eastward and became more moderate so
much so that we made sail and stood along
to the S.W. have had thick weather during the
day. the Moon Quarters tomorrow and it will probably
be better weather for our business = God Speed! —
Latitude 30-59 Longitude 169-09-15 East

Sunday June 11 Th
Nothing worthy of remark during the past week
except having fine weather, have seen nothing that
look like a whale. Yesterday raised 4 Sails and at Sundown
this day there was 5 in sight = Lat. 29-50 Long 166-08 East

Saturday June 17th =Bunker Hill=

This day at 8 A M. raised a a Shoal of Sperm Whales lowered our boats at 6½ and gave Chase the Bow boat Struck one but did not secure him owing to the Iron's drawing out the rest of the boats was in Chase "till 2 P M. then having no luck returned on board Continued Chasing with the Ship until Sun-down 3 other Ships in Sight and one of them was fortunate enough to get one whale could not make out who she was, took in all Sail at dark in hopes of drifting handy to some more whales by morning have seen nothing during the past week. but 5 Ships on monday last there was 8 in Sight, this day a Year ago we had plenty of work and much more to our proffit as we had two whales to work on, and we live in hopes to have some more soon. Latitude 29=30 Longitude at 4 P M. 166=40

Sunday 18th

This has been a delightful day with the wind from the S.W. plenty of porpoises and Jumpers in Sight we have been Steering to the Eastward during the day with all Sail out have seen 5 Ships in the Course. all under Sail and on the look out most of our folks feel pretty Stiff after our long pull yesterday I feel like a "burnt boot, I want to go home

Latitude 29=45 Longitude by Lunar 167=04=15

Tuesday 20th

Fine Weather and light breezes from the Southward at 10½ A M this day raised a Shoal of Sperm whales on our lee Quarter made all Sail and

Tuesday June 20th Continued — got up with them at about 11½ oclock lowered our boats and was in Strake sometime before any chance occured to fasten, at 2 P.M. the Larboard mate boat Struck one which gave him and his boats Crew a cold bath having upset them in an instant after fastening. the Low and Waste boats seeing the situation of the Mate immediately pulled for him. one taking the whale the other rendering assistance after a considerable trouble we succeeded in capturing the whale. and took him alongside at 6 P.M. and Commenced Cutting —
Latitude 31=06 Longitude 167=38
Wednesday 21st at daylight called all hands and went to cutting which we finished at 12 M the whale is a large one. I should think he would make from 90 to 100 barrels Ship Martha of Newport in sight boiling and a whale alongside —
Friday 23rd Finished boiling and washed off took account of the oil and found we had added 97 barrels to our Cargo. have seen nothing the last day or two (except the Ship Martha) but as we have broke the ice now I hope it will not freeze over again. Latitude 30=27= Longitude 169=57=15

Sunday 25th

Fine Weather still continues with the wind from the Southward. Yesterday afternoon Commenced stowing down our oil which we finished this day at 10 A M. Nothing was said to the Captain about working on Sunday but he is of the opinion that every day is alike. at least it is to him and that is enough I have never had to work on Sunday before in this voyage! Latitude 30 35 Longitude 168=15 E

Monday June 26th

At daylight this morning it commenced blowing and it increased so much that by 12 M. we had the Ship under close reefed Main Topsail and Storm Staysails this Gale was probably owing to the change of the moon and Eclipse together it rained during the afternoon as hard as I ever have seen it we saved about 15 barrels of water for washing. This Evening we started a Cask of fresh water and found it to be one from the old Bay State so that although we are 26 months from home we can drink of the same water that they are using daily we took it out of the hold last Saturday and it is the last Cask of home water on board have not seen the Sun or anything but rain during the day. so of course we get neither Lat.e or Long.e

Thursday 29th

The Gale broke this morning and we made all sail steering W by N with the wind on our Starboard quarter this has been the longest Gale we have had this time last night at midnight it was blowing as hard as we have had it this voyage we have had plenty of rain for the next 3 months to come, with clear weather we shall have some hopes of falling in with whales, at 12 M. saw a Sail on our larboard Quarter steering to the N.W. supposed her to be English by her rig. this Month is nearly gone and we are some ways behind hand this season. it is probably owing to the weather which has been 20 per Ct worse than it was last year we have not as yet had a dozzen clear days since we Got on Crussing Ground

Latitude 20 45 Longitude 109 - 35

Sunday July 2 nd 1843

Thick hazy weather still prevails and we have no chance of seeing anything. this month last year we had fine weather and plenty of whales what this one will prove. time must determine but at present the prospect looks dull. we have had so much rain and fog lately that most of our folks are complaining of Colds rheumatism &c.&c. the Captain has been very unwell for several days past and to day he has not been much on deck and is evidently worse he is not been in good health and I think he is failing fast at 5 P.M. raised a Sail on our lee beam steering to the Northward we are bound to the South. in hopes of seeing some whales on the quarter of the moon !!

Latitude 31=15 North. Longitude 166=45 East=

Tuesday July 4 th Independence !!!

The weather has cleared up a little with strong breezes from the South=ward at daylight there was two Ships in sight one to leeward and one on our weather bow both of them steering to the Westward we stood along by the wind headed E by S ½ S. at 50 minutes past 3 P.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales one point on our weather bow the whales was going to windward and our only chance was to down boats which we accordingly did. and after pulling about 3 hours the Starboard boat succeeded in Striking one which yielded to our superior judgement and we took him along side the Ship at 11 P.M. the Ship was about 10 miles to the leeward of the boats when the whale turned up he is about the size of the one we got last year 4 th of July. and we are now in the same place. and had about as much trouble

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Latitude 30 41 Longitude 169:08= East

Sunday July 9th – – – – – –

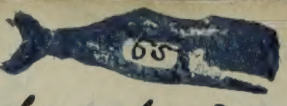
Fine weather since the 4th with light winds from the South, wednesday out in our whale and commenced boiling, nothing in sight, finished boiling on Thursday about 8 A.M. the whale made us 45 bls of oil "better than nothing" saw nothing up to Yesterday when we commenced stowing down and finished at 9 A.M. three sails in sight all standing to the SW this day at 7 A.M raised a whale spouting on our weather bow could not make out to what tribe he belonged, as it was nearly calm and he was 4 or 5 miles off so to make "assurance doubly sure" we down 2 boats and pulled about an hour & half when to our dissapointment up come a Fin back just ahead of the boats and the Riddle was Solved - So as the King of France with 40,000 men marched up the hill and then - "back again": we pulled to our ship which we reached at 9 o'clock very light winds during the latter part of the day, 3 sails in sight Latitude 30=36 Longitude 167=17=15 East

Wednesday 12th

Light winds since Sunday from the Northward with clear weather but no whales. I have been very unwell since monday night was taken about midnight with a severe pain in the lower part of the belly could not keep any thing down for several hours when I succeeded in keeping a dose of Rhenbarb which did not pass I then took Castor oil which succeeded no better I then took a strong dose of Jollop and after two hours a quantity of piles neither of which took effect at Sundown I took a strong injection which lull=d the pain a little but no other effect came from it I began to feel alarmed and very weak at 1 A.M. this morning being in great pain and not knowing what more to do to ease it. Thought I would try a new remidy and accordingly took a half Pint of Sperm oil

Wednesday July 12th - continued

which had the desired effect and produced an operative in about 15 minutes since then I have be getting better and am now 8 P.M. quite well with the exception of being rather weak, a year ago this day we had a large whale to work upon but we have nothing now still we have hopes - at 9am raised a Ship on our larboard quarter steering to the S.E. and at 3 P.M. raised another sail on our Starboard beam which we spoke at sun down She proved to be the Barque Favo of London 39 mos out with 700 barrels of Sperm oil that is low enough God knows, the Captain reports the loss of the Ship Parker of New Bedford went ashore on Ocean Island in september last was lost entire with 5 of her crew the rest made the land which is uninhabited and was not taken off until the 7th March following at which time their sit was discovered by Captain Weeks of the whale S. Massau of New Bedford. an English Ship perceiv their signal previous to Captain Weeks and two the Captain of the Parker and 2 men. he pleaded scarcity of provisions as the cause of his not tak them all "poor excuse" Humanity demanded m all that they subsisted on for the 6 months was and Birds with my little water no Cloths, an a very inclement season of the year I do not know what kind of Stuff some people are made If I had been master of a Ship and provisions they could well be I would take any one that wrecked and trust to providence, In my opinion that Captain whosoever he be. that will leave a m on an uninhabited Island lacking the necessarys of life deserves to imprisoned for life and thrown to the Sharks after life is extinct this is the Second Ship that has been lost on Japan within 24 hours New Bedford. the Parker is the same Ship that was taken by a whale some time since. Lat 30.09 Lons 167 = 37

Saturday July 16 

Fine weather since Wednesday. have seen plenty of Ships. Cruising about yesterday saw one Ship on our weather bow boiling and another to leeward which appeared to be whaling but we see nothing "till this morning at 6 A.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm Whale Seven miles off on our lee bow there was another Ship on our weather bow and our chance looked Small but "fortune favours the brave" and after a long pull we got up to the whales and secured one which will make 60 or 70 barrels the other Ships boats was close to the whale and it was "pull Dick pull devil" and turned out in our favour. took him alongside at 11 A.M and Cut him in before dark Set the watches and Commenced boiling at Sundown spoke the Ship Walter Scott of Nantucket 33 months out with 1000 barrels of Sperm oil Latitude 30 18 South Longitude 107 = 37 E

Monday 17th

All hand Engaged in boiling and Coopering the weather rather squaley 3 Sails in sight at daylight kept off this afternoon and at 3 P.M. raised a Shoal of Sperm whales chased them past the Ship "till 4 oclock then lowered our boats and continued the chase "till Sundown saw Ship to leeward Cutting the whales appear to be the ground and we are after them and no mistake finished boiling at 8 P.M. the whale made nearly 70 barrels quite a good haul these hard times Latitude 30 02 Longitude 107 = 31

Wednesday 19th

Fine weather with light Winds from the Eastward a Ship Cutting on our lee beam this forenoon at 11 A.M. Commenced Stowing down our oil which finished in good time. Lat 30 40 Long 109 01

Sunday July 23d

Since Wednesday night we have had strong brazs. as much as we could carry double reefed Topsails too the weather is thick and consequently bad for our business have seen nothing except Ships. and they are plenty. they are like ourselves doing nothing we shall not look for good weather untie the Moon changes which will be on Wednesday next and with the new moon we are in hopes of seeing Whales — God Speed —

Latitude 35°.21 Longitude 166°.57'.15" by Lunar

Monday 24th

The weather has moderated and we have had a fine day. at 3 P M. Spoke the Ship Adeline Gibbs of N. Haven Captain Bayles 23 Months out with 1050 bbls of Sperm oil they have not taken but one whale this season we got a supply of Tobacco and parted Company at 5 oclock our Captain not being in the humor for Gamming Capt B reported the loss of the Whale Ship Roman of NEW Bedford in Panaman Bay with 2900 bbls of Sperm oil She Struck on a Sunken rock and went to peices immeadiatly She is a total loss together with her Cargo we also heard of the loss of the Barque Plato with 1100 bbls of oil did not hear the particulars

Latitude 30°.02' Longitude 166°.34' 5 Ships in Sight at Sun down

Sunday 30th

We have had calm weather the best part of the past week ships are plenty on the ground but no Whales for the last 5 days we have seen 4 and 5 each day and all of them as Idle as ourselves. and like ourselves bound to the Eastward to change the Scene if nothing more it is evident that whales are not so plenty as the season previous we for instance are 300 bbls behind hand and not any of the Ships that we have heard from are so far a head as they were last season. they may pick up yet but it looks rather blue we are in hopes of getting 5 or 600 more this season although it looks dark at present

Latitude 30°.29 Longitude 168°.17' Fresh Gale and fine this day

Monday July 31st

Fine weather with a wholesale breeze from the S W at 5 P.M. Spoke the Ship Harrison of Newport 24 Mos out 1100 barrels of Sperm oil Capt Smith paid us a visit and remained on board during the Evening at 5½ oclock Spoke the Ship Levi Starbuck of Nantucket 26 Months out with 600 barrels of Sperm oil Capt Nye also paid us a a visit. I went on board the Harrison and spent a pleasant evening. She has taken about 900. This Season the Levi Starbuck about 150 barrels of oil heard of the murder of Captain Lawrence of the Ship Sharon of Fair Haven at Ascention Island about 8 Mos since by one of the natives that he had forced out to sea with him we shall probably hear the particulars at the Islands this fall, 3 other Sails in sight at Sun down Japan is white with Ships this season.

Latitude 31=02 Longitude by Lunar 168-59-45

Sunday August 6th

Nothing of consequence has occured during the past week with the exception of Strong Gales - during the last 3 days we have been under close reefed Topsails and Storm Staysails. the Ships appear to be dispersed as we have seen but 1 these 3 days it has been rather more moderate during the latter part of this day and we now look for some fine weather as soon as this flurry is over last Wednesday was my birth day and I begin to feel quite old and am consequently anxious to get home for a domicile of my own

Latitude 31=15 Longitude (about) 169 East

Thursday 10th

Thick hazy weather with plenty of rain and the wind Stiff from the Southward saw a Sail on our lee beam this morning Standing to the Eastward. at 6 P.M. Spoke her She proved to be the Elizabeth of Salem. 31 Months out 1200 barrels of oil She is bound into port having the Scurvy on board No others

Sunday August 13th

Since Thursday Evening the wind has been on the increase and we have had as much as we want with close reefed Main Top-sail and Staysail the most of the time the wind still hangs to the Southward and with it we have made a considerable to the East saw a Ship yesterday hove too on our weather bow with nothing out but Storm Staysail we supposed She had Oil on deck as She was making a dead drift under that Sail. ~~notwith~~ notwithstanding bad weather hard luck (for we have not seen a Sperm whale these 4 weeks) &c &c we had a glorious luck out to day on West Ground it is the last we shall get till we make a port so we must make the most of it, during the past week we have (when the weather would permit) caught and packed several barrels of Albicore it is fine Sport fishing for them when they bite Sharp one hours Sport with them is worth a weeks trout fishing which causes so much talk at home, (I wish I was there) at 3 P.M. Squared the Yards and kept her away for the N.W. and I am in hopes we Shall See Something Soon

Latitude 30=09 Longitude 172=45 East

Wednesday 16th

The weather has moderated during the last 3 days and we have it now pretty clear. at 4 P.M. Spoke the Ship Hero of Nantucket 22 Mos out with 400 barrels of Sperm Oil the Hero has taken but 90 bbls this season She is poor enough God knows and we are not much better. What has become of the Whales this season no one can tell we have cruised the whale ground over and over and for the last 5 weeks have not seen a Spout of a Sperm whale

Latitude 30=50 Longitude by Lunar Observation 171=13=45

Sunday 20th

Fine weather with the wind from the Eastward. but as yet no Whales. plenty of Grampus. Fin backs. Porpoises. &c in sight during the last 2 days on Friday 18th saw an English Barque Steering to S.W. have caught upwards of 20 barrels of Albicore this last week we Shall have a Ship load if we keep on. we are off to the S.W again and with what luck time will show

Latitude 32=11 Longitude by Lunar 172=41=45 East

Wednesday August 23d

Fine weather and gentle breezes from the Eastward at 5 PM raised a Shoal of Sperm whales on our weather beam headed to leeward we immediatly lowered our boats and gave chase after pulling about 3/4 of an hour the Starboard boat Struck one. but the whale not liking such treatment on a short acquaintance Struck back and Stove the boat all to ribbons. one man was hurt pretty bad but was (taking all things into consideration) lucky in not being killed instantly nine times out of ten in such a case it would have proved fatal the Whales Started to the windward quick and right close at hand we soon lost sight of them. and returned on board to mourn over our hard fortune they were the first whales that we have seen for upwards of a month and it was hard indeed to have nothing but a Stoven boat for our trouble and anxiety but such is our fate and we must of Course Submit

Latitude 30 - 20 Longitude 172 - 15 { 3 Sail in Sight at Sundown }

Sunday Aug 27th

Nothing new has occured since Wednesday the Captain has been busy in repairing the Stoven boat with the assistance of the other Carpenters. Some of the others have been imployed in putting up Fish we have now 40 barrels which will procure us all the Yams, Fruit & Potatoes that we shall want for the next cruise. have seen 4 & 5 Sail for the last 4 days and this afternoon spoke the Ship Alexander Coffin of Nantucket 38 Mos out 1900 barrels of Sperm oil has taken 170 barrels this season Captain Weir reports a great many ships. and few of them have got over 200 bbls this season he is bound to New Zeland after leaving Japan heard from the Ship Susan of Newfoundland with 900 barrels of oil. the Susan is out the same length of time as ourselves we have done poorly but she has done worse than that. the Alexander Coffin has seen whales this season 22 different times but they have been going Quick to windward Lat 30 04 North Longitude 178 - 10

Tuesday August 29th 1843

Thick cloudy weather with the wind from the Southward this day Spoke the Barque Pantheon of N Bedford 27 Months out with 900 barrels of Sperm oil the Captain (Taber) having letters for our Ship we lowered our boat and paid him a visit he has had hard lucks as well as the rest of us stoped on board of the Pantheon about 2 hours and then returned home Captain Taber Spoke the Ship Susan last Evening and Captain Howland of the Susan informed him that he also had letters for the Baltitude and as our Captain is informed of the circumstance we Shall probably Speak her the first opportunity the Ship Waverly has also got letters for us and as She is out but 11 Months I have strong hopes shall we fall in with her of getting one 3 other Sails in Sight

Latitude 30°-29' North, Longitude 173°-15' East

Wednesday 30th

This Morning we had 5 Sails in Sight all Steering to the S.W. the weather a considerable more clear than for several days with the exception of a squall now and then at 4 P.M. one of them hoisted Signals and after exchanging about 15 or 20 we hauled a back our main yard a signal quickly understood between Whaleman She instantly up helm and run across our Sterns She proved to be the Ship Susan, Captain Howland paid us a visit (but the letters which was all for the Captain as usual) and Spent the Evening. our folks have all received more or less letters except myself and I think it Strange we have Spoken upwards of 20 Ships that have Sailed from home since ourselves and I think if any had been sent to me I should have received one by this time I wish much to hear from home but have given up all hopes now for any letters this voyage

Latitude 30°-04' North Longitude by Lunar Obs 172°-53'-15"

Sunday Sept 3d

Fine weather and light Gales since Wednesday, have seen plenty of Fin-backs Porpoises &c together with Ships in abundance this afternoon we Spoke the Barque Pantheon again and as it was near Sun down some of us went on board to Spend the Evening I had the good fortune to procure a complete set of Marryats works they will keep the blues away for a week or two at least

77 Latitude 29-05 Longitude 172-52-15 East

Sunday Sept. 10th 1843

This has been a week of Singuler weather the first 3 days we had a dead Calm the rest of the week up to Yesterday we have had a severe Gale from the S.E with Thunder lightning and rain it cleared up yesterday and we had a light breeze from the S.W it died away however during the night and we have had this day an Irish hurricane (not a breath of wind) I have had leasure to peruse some of the books Obtained last Sunday from the barque Pantheon (who is still in sight to leeward of us) and have been much amused as I have a complete Set of Marryats works I shall turn critic by & by, we have had an extra hand this week "to wit" last Sunday Evening a little land bird flew on board of us and one of the boys catched him as he appeared to be at home. the boys made a cage and he is now as lively as a young robin if he lives I shall mention him more fully. but at present I cannot say much in favour as we have not as yet heard the sound of his voice, nothing more to say at present so goodnight

Latitude 31°19 Longitude 174°42

Monday 11th

Light breezes during the night from S. to S.W. at daylight this morning we perceived the Barque Pantheon running off as soon as it was light enough to distinguish anything saw Colours at her main Top. Gallant head a signal for Whales in sight we being to windward kept away for her at 9 A.M. raised the Whales on our bee bam they was going a good jog to the Westward at 11 o'clock we down boats and in a short time was fortunate in getting fast to one which we immediately secured took him to the ship at 3 P.M. got dinner and commenced cutting he is a noble fellow the Barque got one whale during the afternoon, at 9 P.M. Set the watches for the night

Latitude 31°19 Longitude 174°30

Tuesday 12th

At daylight called all hands and went to work, finished cutting at 9 A.M. made sail and stood along the Barque being right ahead we come within hail at 1 P.M. Captain Taber thinks his whale will yield him 60 or 70 barrels. and they want it as much as ourselves. Lat 31°08 Longitude 174°45

Sunday 17th September 1843

We have had delightful weather during the last 5 days finished boiling on Wednesday night 10 P.M. the whale was not very fat but still a God send to us he yielded 92 bbls of oil had his body been in proportion to his head he would have yielded a "round hundred" the Barque Still keeps us company and I am in hopes we shall be able to return his "Signal" in the course of the present week. Friday 15th Cooperd our oil and Yesterday stowed it down and have now "cleared our decks for another action" as soon as the enemy leaves in sight This has been a fine day with a light breeze from the South ward I have spent the day for want of better employment in perusing Jacob Faithfull my time might have been better employed some no doubt will say" but I was both amused and instructed and I consider myself justified in what I have done So no more of that. at 4 P.M. raised a Sail on our lee bow supposed from her being under Short Sail that she was busy with a whale we are bound to the "North" and I am in hopes we shall get another lift by & by

Latitude 30-24 Longitude 174-54-15 by Lunar Obs

Sunday 24th

We have had fine weather during the past week up to Yesterday morning when at 3 A.M. it began to blow and increased so much that at 9 oclock we had nothing on the Ship but close reefed Topsails at 10 took in the Fore & mizzen Topsails and set the Storm Staysails it continued to increase during the night and with it a tremendous heavy Sea this day the wind hauled to the N.W. and is now gradually abating but the sea is yet like Mountains it is impossible to get a nap of more than five minutes length several of us got an Irish twist last night we have seen plenty of Whales. if we find nothing else to look after Shall soon leave for port at 6 P.M. raised a Sail on our weather beam scudding to the Eastward I wish we was bound the same way. I am sick of this cruise

Latitude 30-08 Longitude 177-34-15 East

We have 2 men on the sick list the one that was hurt by a whale in August has been sick since that time on Monday Evening he had an abcess break which caused him to raise a great deal of blood the other case I think is the liver complaint

Sunday Oct 1st 1843

This day we are under Close reefed Topsails and storm Staysails with thick weather and a tremendous sea so much so that it is almost impossible to keep on our legs, this afternoon shipped a sea that stove in our rails and set some casks and other things adrift about decks. and we have a poor prospect as regards sleeping this night, the weather has been bad all the past week have had rain in abundance, we shall get to the Eastward as soon as we get a favourable wind our sick folks are rather better and I think with clear weather they will soon be about again, such weather as we have had the last 5 or 6 days is very bad where the lungs is affected, one sail in sight

No Observation this day Supposed Longitude 179° East

Tuesday 3d

The weather has cleared up and we have had a light breeze from the Southward towards noon this day it became quite calm and we are now heading "round the Compass" I am in hopes when we get another breze it will be from the Westward for we have cruised in East longitude long enough and with change of posture perhaps we may have a change of luck we want it God knows saw a Ship this morning Steering to the Southward plenty of Whales in sight "any time," nearly 30 months out and 1400 bbls of oil!!!

Latitude 31° 04 North Longitude 179° 50 West so that we have this day crossed the Meredian and I think it will be the last time this voyage, at least I hope so

Sunday 8th

Clear weather with Strong winds from the N.E. the past week we have been beating to the Eastward but the breze has been so Strong that we have not made much headway have been most of the time under double reefed Topsails this day at 1 P M raised a Sail to windward of us She set her signal which we answered, at at 2½ She squared her yards and run for us. and proved to be the Ship Peruvian of St John N B as it was very rugged we did not go on board. She is 24 months out. amount of oil not Stated. if it was we did not hear it.

Latitude 30 44 Longitude 176-07 W

Sick folks doing as well as can be expected

Sunday Oct 15th 1843

Strong winds from the Eastward during the first part of the past week on Friday it moderated away and has been calm until this day when we took a light breeze from S.S.E. which is fair for us as we are bound to the Islands as fast as possible Should the wind favour us shall probably be in about the first of November have seen two Ships during the week one of them has been in sight since Friday morning this day at 11 A M she run down for us and proved to be the Peruvian of St Johns (the same one we spoke last Sunday) Captain Brooks paid us a visit and spent the remainder of the day, the P. is from the North West Coast where she took 900 barrels of right whale oil She lost her second officer had two other men badly hurt and most of her boats Stove they report plenty of Whales but the Captain after such hard luck thought it best to leave the ground and try a month or two on Japan previous to going into port he has not however seen a Sperm Whale this season and has concluded to make for the Islands. Latitude 30°-22' Longitude 170°-58' West we have been under all sail with strong winds the best part of the week but have not made but 12 miles. have had a strong current setting to the NW I am in hopes the breeze will hold as the sight of land will be charming after an absence of nearly seven months I think some of my friends at home would think it a long time to have nothing but the "Blue above and the blue below" to gaze on for 210 days I sometimes think that if they was placed in such a situation once they would be more mindful of some folks they might possibly think a letter would be quite a comfortable thing to look upon. but after all what can a poor Bachelor expect! they at home no doubt have enough to do without troubling themselves about such barren banks. "a tree is known by its fruits" so saith the Scriptures - and so ends my preamble for the present it is a Sailors privelege to grumble and I sometimes avail myself of it when I have nothing better to do. now "I'll to my couch"

Monday 16th

Strong breezes from the Southward. at 7 A M raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales going quick to windward lowered our boats but did not succeede in Striking they was small fish and few

Latitude 30-38 Longitude by Lunar 174-24-15 West

Wednesday 18th October 1843

Since monday we have had a fine run the wind hauled round to the N.W. and we have had as much as we could carry single reefed topsails main top gallant sail &c and courses this afternoon 4 P.M. got an observation and found that the Ship had gone 8°02' since monday to the Eastward I mention it as being the best run we have had this voyage should the wind hold we shall soon be to an anchor. One of our men had a fortunate escape on tuesday morning about 1 A.M. having somthing to do on the bowsprit he missed his hold and fell backward he caught the weather jib sheet which fortunately was made fast slack enough to break his fall but not enough to save a ducking. some one that saw him fall gave the alarm and we got him in board had he not been a stout fellow he could not have held on as the Ship was going large 9 knots if he had not caught the rope he must have gone under the Ship and as it was might the chances for him would have been ten to one his being saved is little less than a miracle

Latitude 30=58 Longitude 158=22= West

Sunday 22nd

Strong breezes with thick hazy weather since yesterday morning at which time the wind hauled to the South we have had a good run to the Eastward but now the breeze will be a-head again the moon changes tomorrow and with it we look for a Northerly wind 3 days more with a fair wind will carry us in, one sail in sight to the windward of us she has been in company since last Thursday, did not speak but supposed her to be the Ship Harrison, our sick folks have all recovered and are on duty

Latitude 29=28 Longitude 158=42 West

Thursday 26th

Moderate breezes and Calms alternately since Sunday what little wind we have had has been dead a-head for us. we ought to have the N.E. Trade winds in these latitudes we took them last season two degrees to the Northward of where we are now. at 1 P.M. passed a Ship on our weather Quarter, Lat 28=48. Longitude 155=57

Sunday October 29th 1843

We have made a little headway the last 3 days and with prospects of making more soon as we have had a fair wind chasing us since Friday night we have had but little favour this cruise bad luck contrary winds &c &c every thing has gone Stern foremost and every body dissatisfied and I am in hopes we shall get in now so as to be able to take a fresh Start, at 5 P.M we took the wind from the Westward and plenty of it, so that we are now able to head our Course S.S.W. the Weather is good, and with any luck at all we shall be to an Anchor by Tuesday as Mowee is distant from us but 231 miles. Latitude 24 = 23. at 4 P.M. Longitude 155° 54' 45" by Lunar

Tuesday 31st (Start next tape)

The wind has been up and down since Sunday midnight until this morning when we took the regular trade Winds from the N.E. 3 Sails in sight this morning at 11 A.M we Spoke one which proved to be the Barque Russel of N.B Captain Stall 29 mos out with 900 barrels of Sperm oil, she left Mowee last tuesday, she left several Ships at Mowee bound to the States and is likewise full of news all of which we shall have in full in a day or two the Russel has taken but 75 barrels on Japan this season and she reports several even worse than that. they think we have done as well as the general run of Ships on Japan this season, if so they are all poorly off

Latitude 23 = 26 Longitude 155 = 20 = Course S.S.W.

Wednesday November 1st

Fine clear weather with strong trades. at 11 A.M. the cry of Land ho! was heard from the look out at the mast head 1 point off the lee bow we kept along till 4 P.M. and then headed for the north passage of Mowee the land was Eighty miles distant when we first perceived it. at Sun down. calculated it to be distant 36 Miles if the breeze holds shall be up with it by 12 M. and to an Anchor by 4 or 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. I am anxious to get in as the Ship Samuel Robinson was then a week ago. when the Barque Russel left She was expected to Sail in Eight or ten days so I have hopes of seeing her

Latitude at 12 M. 22 = 07 Longitude 156 = 09

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Thursday November 2nd 1843

Had a fine run last night but did not come to an Anchor 'till 8 A.M. this day. Their is 244 Ships & Barq now laying to an Anchor in this harbour (Honoa) some of them are full and some are worse off than ourselves which is needless our folks have all received more or less letters except myself. so that I now think I am slighted and no mistake and consider myself acquitted fully in not writing any more after this date or until I get one so that I may know where to direct those I write. Got all our water casks ashore and have been busy breaking out between decks The American Sloop of War Cyane left here for Woahoo this morning at 10 oclock their is two others at Woahoo they are their for some purpose which have not learned yet but shall probably in a day or two

Friday 3d

Engaged in getting off water and stowing down 4 Ships arrived this day and two left so they are on the increase as yet in the evening went on board the Ship Harrison and got several Books "the Captain quite unwell" — — — — —

Saturday 4th

Busy all day stowing down and painting the lower works of the Ship; a painful occurence happened in the Harbour this afternoon on board the Ship Mayflower who got under weigh and was stowing the anchor on the bow when the second officer who was at work their missed his hold and fell overboard he sank immediatly and as he could not swim was drowned he rose once but before any aid could get to him he sank forever the mayflower was full and homeward bound and what is still worse he has left a young wife with one child to mourn his untimely fate" 3 Ships arrived & 3 sailed

Sunday 5th

This being a day of rest all went on shore for the purpose of attending divine service had a beautiful day and a fine walk and at Sun down returned home it was a fine sight to witness 4 or 5 hundred seaman of all Nations on the beach at Sun down not one out of that number the worse for liquor temperance is a fine thing for seaman and I am glad to see that it is so well followed by them,

Monday Nov.r 6th 1843
Just enough to do to keep all hands busy during the day have had several visits from old acquaintances among which was an old Ships mate of last voyage a fine young man by trade a Cooper I spent two very pleasant hours with him he has become since we last met a husband and father I wish I was as well off my self hope to be by & by.

Tuesday 7th The Starboard watch went on Shore this day on "Liberty" and from appearances I should think they enjoyed themselves very well, the rest of the hands engaged in doing small work i.e "Nothing" that kind of work suits a Sailor very well in port, several Ships arrived this day

Wednesday 8th The Larboard watch to which I have the honour to belong started for the Shore this day at 8 a.m and I must say I have enjoyed my self better than at any former day of Liberty this voyage (Lima excepted) had a fine luck out of =roast Turkey= and all the etcetera. paid a visit to the new bowling alleys in the afternoon and had fine sport they are conducted strictly on the tetotal principle and they have a great deal of business, success to the undertaking it is a new move in this part of the world and if supported will add much to the temperance cause. we shall proceed tomorrow (if the wind is fair) to Owyhee for recruits and shall then have another run on Shore — 34 Ships in port

Thursday 9th The wind has been to light to get under weigh this day our trade has been brisk with the natives Rum is in the most demand I shall say more on this subject by & bye I have visited several Ships during the day and have added largely to my Store of books

Friday 10th This morning as we had a prospect of a breeze got everything in readiness for a Start as soon as the Capt felt disposed, have had a heavy swell setting on Shore since last night the breakers are almost Mountain high I went on Shore during the forenoon and saw several boats turned over and one man belonging to the Pantheon was nearly drowned before assistance reached him had a narrow escape my self this afternoon in going on Shore for the Captain I did not get upset but the Steering oar threw me 15 or 20 ft on the rocks got my head & arm considerably bruised. several

Friday Novr 10th 1843 = Continued =

Boats that went in about the time I did got more or less injured one was stove so as to have repairs before she will float I escaped with no other injury than what I have mentioned and I feel thankfull for being preserved this is the third escape I have had this voyage and the goodness of the Almighty has saved me I trust for some good purpose at 3 P.M. the Captain come on board and in half an hour we was under all sail bound to ourplace we left 26 sail of vessels at Anchor, showed the wind favour as we shall be to an anchor in 3 or 4 days and shall probably stay 7 or 8 days to Paint Ship & get Wood and recruits, took with us 4 Male passengers several females made application but the Captain would not be (he said) plagued with them! he is a married man of course

Saturday 11th

Had light winds during the night this morning the breeze died away and we made a dead drift towards the land - so that at 1 P M was obliged to lower our boats and as this was a heavy Swell setting on had as much as we could do for 5 hours to keep the Ship from going on Shore took a light breeze about 6 P M and Stood on our course

Sunday 12th

Strong close reefed topsail breeze our passengers as sick as the d— split the fore topsail and pitched of course took them in stood along during the night under close reefed Main Topsail and Staysail saw a brig this morning standing N.W.

Monday 13th

At daylight was close in with the land with a light breeze from the Eastward it died away about 10 a.m. and since then we have had it calm with a strong current setting to the Northward which is against us. this is a good time to set things to right and it will consequently be injurious if we have any breeze at all I should think we will be to an Anchor tomorrow, but it is uncertain under this Island as the wind is not to be depended upon 5 minutes at a time saw a Ship this morning Steering to the S.E. probably for Karakakoa bay, we have one old native that is full of good humour he keeps all of us laughing the day long he is 83 years old and tells a good many good stories about the Islands time

Saturday Nov. 18th 1843

Came to an Anchor this Evening at 8 Oclock after a hard tow of 4 hours the last 5 days has been the most fatiguing during the voyage we have been beating "to Leeward" the best part of the time. but have succeeded with the aid of our boats to get our mud hook down and all our toil is forgotton have had a fine view of the west side of the Island (Owhyhee) this is some beautiful vilages and the soil looks as though anything would thrive, as tomorrow is Sunday we shall in all probality have a chance of going to Church if so I Shall be one of the number

Sunday 19th

This has been a fine day and contrary to our expectations all hands has been kept on board which we can justly atribute to the effects of that Curse of mankind N.E.R. our noble Captain having indulged too freely last night (not an unusual thing of late) did not make his appearance on deck until a late hour and when he did he ordered the boat that was stove in mowee to be taken down and himself went to work at the repairs we have curious times here of late. I am in hopes it will soon come to an end. we have had a whole week of fine weather and plenty of idle time but the boat could only be mended on Sunday! as before. well! well! we poor devils must "Grin and bear it" I have employed my time in reading and sleeping and a fine swim. tomorrow we shall be busy if nothing occurs (this is a fine blot) and I hardly think we shall have a chance of going on Shore. I should like to visit my friends the Barretts and if posible shall do so, saw a ship in the offing at Sunday

Monday 20th

Engaged during the day in Painting Ship and getting recruits on board Fish is in Great demand and sells quick for all kinds of fruit. Potatoes. Yams. beans &c &c

Tuesday 21st

Finished Painting this day shall get through trading by tomorrow night and I am in hopes to have a run on shore the crew Goes on Shore at night but this night work is not quite the thing particularly for us bachelors = this Evening the Captain and third mate had some words and the Captain told him to take his things and go on Shore for he had had trouble enough with him this voyage &c &c

Wednesday Nov.r 22nd 1843

The 3d Mate according to orders took his things at daylight this morning on Shore in the Ships boat how it will end time must show the Captain and 3d offic has had several blow ups! this voyage but I think this will be the last they both drink grog and cannot hitch very well together. 3 Ships in sight outside this evening some of our folks went a gunning to day and had good luck

Friday 24

Yesterday I was called on Shore as witness in the case of the Captain & 3d mate after a considerable of pow wow the Court fined the Captain 60.00 for leaving the third mate on Shore which sum was immediatly paid and thus the trouble is settled for the present after the Court busines. I took the rest of the day to myself and enjoyed it well in a Ramble "over the hills and far away" my friends the Barretts have removed to Hilo 70 miles from this place they will be back again in the spring and I am in hopes to see them next march

Saturday 25th

At daylight this morning having a fine wind hove up our Anchor and stood out of the bay I believe it is the intention of the Captain to Cruise about this Island (Owyhee) this next march so as to be early on the N.W. the Ship Oregon of Fair Haven come to an Anchor last night she is 28 months out with 1150 bbls of Sperm oil has taken 110 bbls this season on Japan worse & worse —

Sunday 26

Fine weather and light breezes. Stood along the land during the day to the Northward made but little headway owing to a strong current setting to the S West 3 Ships in sight and they appear to be Cruisers so we shall have company this season we have not been to Church this day but we have been in sight of it all day. and that is more than some of the folks at home can say. I am in hopes to be at home one of these days and I will make up for lost time. have got plenty of books and shall have plenty of time to read them this cruise ——

Sunday December 3d 1843

The past week we have had delightful weather with light breezes all round the compass our cruising ground is from 2 to 12 miles from the land and we have visits from the shore occasionally by the Natives so that our stock of fruit stile holds good the best fruit I can get is the Young Cocoa nuts the water they contain is very refreshing in this warm region in fact the crew eat but little else than fruit and as it is quite ripe must of course be healthy, last Tuesday spoke the Ship Harrison She has got nothing since leaving Japan and Yesterday morning spoke the Ship Audley Clarke of Newport R.I. 36 mos out 1200 bbls of Sperm oil the Com. Preble of Lynn is also on the Ground and in sight every day so we have Company when wanted but that is seldom with us as the other Captains are all Temperance men while ours is quite the reverse, have not seen any whales, and for my part I hardly think we shall, cruising for weeks at a time in a scope of 10 miles "Aint quite the thing these days"

Sunday 10th

Fine weather and light winds stile prevail the past week have seen nothing of consequence with the exception of a Shoal of Black fish which we chased four hours on Friday without meeting with any other success than getting "close to them" - while the boats was in chase one of our Youngsters had a fit at the Fore top mast head but was seen in time to prevent any accident he is subject to them and has been forbid to go aloft several Ships in sight among which is the Tuscany of Sag Harbour 1900 bbls of whale oil and the Ann Maria Wm. of S.H. 1200 bbls of Whale oil they are from the North West Coast. the Harrison of N.Bedford stile in company

Sunday 17th

We still have fine weather and little or no wind with a strong current setting to the Southward 2 or 3 knots so that what we make in the day time we lose again at night but as we see nothing it is all the same, have Spoken the Ships Harison and the Ship Nasaw of N.Bedford the latter is 24 mos out with 1200 bbls of Sperm oil

Monday 18th December 1843

At daylight 2 Ships in sight. light breezes from the S.W. at 7 oclock raised a Shoal of Sperm Whales headed in shore we immediatly had our boats in the water for the chase The Nassau perceived our movements lowered her boats The Harrison was not long before she smelt the rat and her boats was also in persuit making in all Eleven - boats of course it was "pull Dick pull devil" but we was all to anxious the whales got the run of us and started for the windward "eyes out" after chasing 'till 12 M. we all give up and returned to our respective Ships well beat out had there been but one ships boats the chance was good for a whale or two. and perhaps more better luck by-and-bye

Tuesday 19th

Had a fine breeze during the night and being close to the harbour the Captain went on Shore on business I went with him and found the Ships Ann Maria Ann. Tuscany & John Jay of Sag Harbour they are all coopering their oil The John Jay is 13 Months out with 500 bbls of Sperm oil and 1600. bbls of whale our Third Officer that we left has joined her as Third Mate Success to him the J. Jay took a Sperm whale at the mouth of the bay and come to an anchor boiling they have seen whales 3 times within a week

Sunday 24th

Nothing of consequence since Tuesday eving when we spoke a brig from Wahoo bound to Mowee got here during a heavy blow and was in distress which we relieved and they put in to Kyroa the rest part of the week we have had fine weather with light breezes, this day spoke the Ship Otaheite and spent part of the day on board of her, killed a noble hog yesterday for Christmas so we are doing a good business any how' in the eating line 3 years ago this evening oh! dear dont mention it. I hope all the folks is as well as they was then I wonder if some folks remember this night 3 yrs ago I think in 14 Months I shall be able (if I live) to find out at any rate I wish you all a merry Christmas as well as good night 2 Sails in sight to leeward but they like ourselves are doing nothing in the whaling line

Sunday December 31st 1843 = at an end =

Another week has passed with our usual success (i.e. nothing) still we are alive and full of hope. nothing very remarkable has occured except our paying and receiving more visits than in any previous week this voyage. bought from the Nassau 8 barrels of superfine Howard Street to help us along in the way of life, on board the Nassau they have a young man that has been Stark mad for several days he is one of Professor Millers fanatics and the poor fellow suffers greatly it is the intention of Capt Wells to procede to Woahoo for the purpose of leaving him on Shore this is the last day of the year and nearly the last hour of the day and the Millerites no doubt are greatly relieved poor fools. their sufferings must have been great and I am in hopes as they have seen the folly of the Fanatic in assuming the power of the Almighty they will spend the balance of their time on earth in "peace and good will to all" We have plenty of company there being 6 Ships cruising in and about the bay and occasionaly visits from the Natives so we while away the time in Spinning yarns and eating fruit - fine employment - and as this is new years eve I shall wind up with wishing Friends and Foes all a Happy New Year

Sunday January 7th 1844

The past week has been much the same as the previous ones since leaving port viz fine weather light winds and plenty of Company. on Thursday 4th Spoke the Dutch Ship Sophia 20 months out 1600 bbls of whale oil she is now under the command of Capt Dwyer late of the Ship Tama of Boston. The former Captain (Otto) died at the French Hotel Woahoo 5 days after his arrival from the N.W. Coast he left his Wife at Woahoo previous to his going to the N.W. She was confined and presented him a fine Daughter on the day of his arrival he was taken sick the same Evening and in 5 days was called to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns" Mrs Otto and her little girl left Woahoo about 2 weeks ago for England. 5 of the crew died at Woahoo and several more are left there sick. The day before we spoke them they lost their Blacksmith overboard - he was drowned as he could not swim. They have had hard luck and no mistake

Sunday January 14th 1844

Another week has past but nothing has been added to our worldly store save experience and seven days age It has been remarkably calm and we have had exercise enough night and day in trimming the yards to every cats paw (and kittens too) for one I am heartily sick and I believe I am not alone, had something of a change yesterday as it rained like Jehu all day and the most of us employed our spare time in Catching water for Amusement succeeded in saving 16 bbls. we have not spoken any ships this last week as the sulks prevail in our after Cabin. it is nothing new in that Quarter there is now 9 Ships in sight daily but not a whale or any of the finny tribe can any of us discover, I think our stay in this quarter will be short ——

Sunday 21st

The past week we have had very different weather from the preceding ones since we have been on the ground it commenced blowing a smart gale on the evening of monday 15th and we have had it "hot and heavy" with little intermission since that time the Ships have all dispersed and we are left alone we have kept close to the land during the gale the land of course being to windward of us and the "breakers" was tremendous it reminded me of that beautiful song of the Pilgrim Fathers "the breaking waves dashed high" &c, have had plenty of rain in squalls and all the other Extras attending a gale Saturday 20th at 9 A M. raised a Shoal of Sperm whale going quick to windward but nothing daunted we lowered our boats and after a fruitless pull gave up the chase. Commenced breaking out the hold for Spare casks did not finish till noon this day. we have plenty of good weather for all necessary work Still our Captain must transgress the divine laws. "Six days Shalt thou labour and do all thy work". Several times this voyage we have been Engaged in work Dow the Sabath when it was altogether useless. but what can we done to help it?

Sunday January 28th 1844

Nothing remarkable during the week past the weather has been a little of old sorts. Tuesday 23d saw one of our old consorts the Nasaw Capt Weeks paid us a visit and spent the best part of the day he experienced very severe weather in the late gale. the other Ships have all gone. probably to the southward we got two little Striped Pigs (Pets) and have now some playthings to carry out a nine days wonder this week we have set up all our Casks and have now nothing to do but wait patiently for something to fill them with we shall cruise here and here abouts a month longer which seems an age, the crazy man on board the Nasaw is much better. but still in his Strait Jacket, during the blow the snow fell in abundance the mountains is covered and forms quite a contrast with the fine warm weather below = thus ends my diary for the week =

Sunday Feby 4th 35 Sails in sight at Sundown

The last week we have had plenty of company and some work spoke the Nasaw on Monday and on Tuesday spoke the Harrison and had Capt Smith & Capt Weeks on board of us our Cooper and Blacksmith has been as busy as bees during the week the first at work for the Ship and the latter to work on his own Account — Thursday morning our Captain and Capt Weeks went on Shore on business of importance I suppose, I went with them and enjoyed myself quite well see some of my old friends and had a Sky lark with the Chiefs Damsels of Owhyhee. Saturday Friday the Harrison went in to the bay to an anchor the Barque Honolulu went in on Thursday with 130 Passengers from Woahoo on Saturday we again paid a visit to the Harrison folks and spoke the Pusean of Sag Harbour who has experienced a heavy Gale in Lat 39 North had her boats stove and carried away her Fore & Main Topsails. So much for being in a hurry to get on the North west Coast. the Barque Honolulu reports several whale Ships at Woahoo all for the N West Soon have been mending sails all day! it is too bad certainly

Sunday 11th February 1844

The past week has been a busy one for us. we have mended all our Sails repaired our rigging and are ready as far as human Skill admits for any weather had a serious affair on Tuesday the Captain while engaged in Cutting some Canvass had a Stroke of the Palsey which rendered his left side useless for some time he is better now but Still the disease has left its mark. on Weanesday at 8 A.M. discovered a Shoal of Sperm Whales about 8 Miles to leeward of the Ship and in a few minutes percieved the boats belonging to the Ship Sophia in chase nothing daunted however we down boats and pulled for nine Hours without meeting with any Success there was a tremendous heavy Swell but no wind and it was very hard work and no mistake they was of the largest Class and I think we Should have ban Successful if the Dutch boats had not frightened them before we got up to the ground, have seen nothing of Courageous since. at 9 A M this day being abreast of the Bay hoisted our Colours at the Fore Top Gallant head a Signal for the pilot. got up the Anchor gear and made the nessessary preperations for "Coming too", had a fair wind at at 3 P.M. let go our Anchor in 17 fathoms of water at 5 P M lowered our boats and pulled to the assistance of the Ship Nasau took her in tow and at Sundown her anchor was "Madded" and Sails furled went on board of our home. got Supper and Set the watches and thus ends the "week" 2 Sails in the offing (ie) The Sophia and Tuscany --

Monday 12th

Commenced this morning getting our wood on board which we finished before night the weather is very warm during the day time. but the nights are quite Cold. have had a Ship full of Natives all day this Afternoon recieved a visit from my old friend Mr Barrett and an invitation to Spend a few days at his house on the Mountain, which I shall of Course accept as he has a pretty wife and family —

Sunday Feby 18th 1844

The most part of the past week has been spent in a land cruise and a pleasant week it has been to me I have not enjoyed myself more since being home. have spent 4 days with my friends and had I been a member of the family nothing more could have been done to render my stay agreable my little pet Maria was delighted to see me and indeed my visit has caused me to think doubly of home. Mrs Barrett is one of the most agreable women I ever fell in with at these Islands this day we all went to church and heard two long sermons from Mr Ives he is a miserable preacher and I think a man very weak minded. after church service took my departure on horse back for the mountains and spent the night

Monday 19th at daylight this morning bid my mountain friends adieu and proceeded on board It is some time since I have left a place with so much regret and I am certain time never will efface the remembrance of their kindness God bless them — at 11 A M. this day the Ship Chelsea Capt Potts of New London arrived. She is five months from N America got some papers as late as September 13th we shall probably get more at Mowee of later date do not see much news. Guess the Whigs are hard up.

Tuesday 20th

at 5 A M. hove short. the wind being light did not break ground till 7 o'clock at which time all the topsails were at the mast head and in ten min the anchor was cattled we are now off for Mowee with 16 Passengers one horse and a deck load of freight the Nasau got out with us and we sail in company

Thursday 22 have had a fair wind since yesterday at 5 P.M. at 3 A.M. this day made the land and hove too till daylight had various winds from that time till 5 P M. when we let go our Anchor in 17 Fathoms of water we have 7 Ships here and all of them from the States no letters for me yet !!!

Sunday Febʸ 25th 1844

Have been busy on board since Friday morning getting water &c This morning the watch went on shore on Liberty I being on of the chosen few availed myself of the opportunity to hear Mr Forbes the Missionary from Owhyhee expound the the holy word he is the best at these Islands at present heard two sermons and returned of board before dark we have 12 Ships in Port at 7 P.M. I am in hopes of getting some letters before we leave as their is plenty of Ships on the way

Sunday March 3d 1844

The past week we have been enjoying ourselves with land Cruises and have had some pleasant times their is plenty of Company and most of the folks is lately from home so we get the news although our friends at home have forgotten us we have had nine Ships enter this port the past week all from the States but no letters as yet Guess the girls are all Married if so we must excuse them never mind for a year more and with Gods care you will be among them and know all about it— last Thursday I witnessed a very solem and for this place a very imposing scene in the funeral Ceremonies of one of the Chiefs who died Suddenly on wednesday he was buried in State and the performances was Grand the King Queen and all the Royal family was present Mr Forbes of Owhyhee preached the Sermon they marched to and from the Church accompanied by the Kings Band the King and Queen looked remarkably well they as well as the Ladies and Gentlemen of honour were dressed in European fashion the Queens Mantle was the finest piece of work I have ever seen. Several Thousand persons was present on the occasion.— The folks from the Ships seem to enjoy themselves and Temperance is gaining a firm footing here after apl 1st their will be but one house licenced to sell ardent Spirits 3 years ago and their was twenty Sailors instead of going on Shore to Drunk as formaly now get on horse-back and take a jaunt back among the Cocoa nut Groves, and return Sober to their Ships at Sundown That is the right way God send that it may continue

Friday March 8th 1844

This Morning at daylight Called all hands and got the Ship in readiness for Sea at seven A.M took a light breeze from the S.W. we soon had our Anchor at the Cat head and on our way to Woahoo in Company with the Ship Nasaw we Shall touch at several of the Islands before we proceade to the N.W Coast we have had a long Spell this time at Mowee and are now well recruited for the North west Several Ships arrived at Mowee since Sunday most of them from the States I got some news by the Ship Adeline having a Brother on board from him I learned that all the folks was well and that some folks remained Sigle yet. I fal quite easy now as if nothing happens I Shall be able to see them in the course of another year this is our last cruise and I hope it may prove a profitable one to all concerned we left 14 Ships at Anchor when we Sailed

Sunday 10th

Have had light breezes during our passage down the Channel arrived at Woahoo last evening and the Capt. went on Shore with Captain Weeks of the Nasaw. it looked like bad weather and we did not come to stood off and on during the night and had plenty of Thunder Lightning and rain, at sun down this day our Captain come on board and we Shaped our Course for Okehow in Company with the Ships Nasaw & Hercules Several Whalers are at Woahoo mostly Frenchmen The Brig Delaware is also there and Sails tomorrow Morning it was fortunate for us as our letters will probably be at home in 4 months from date

Tuesday 12th

Light breezes with pleasant weather since Sunday made the land at 1 P.M. Stood along till 5 Oclock when Captain Weeks paid us a visit we Shall Stand off and on to night and be all ready to commence early in the morning this will wind up our "ports" for this season and for one I Shall be glad when we Stow away our Anchors and clear the land. 3 Sails in Sight

Sunday 17th March 1844

Have had a gale of wind since Thursday and have done nothing in regard to recruits on Wednesday got about 18 bls of Yams on board, since that time we have been under close reefed Topsails it looks more like a change this evening if it should moderate we shall finish our business to-morrow and be off —

Monday 18th

It moderated during the night considerably, this day at 10 a m the boats from both Ships (the Nassau) went on Shore it was very rugged till about noon. but by driving business we got off all our Yams and about three hundred Wt of Fresh pork and at Sundown every thing was on board and we made all Sail headed to the Westward we have now on board about 60 bls of First rate Yams which will I think prevent the Survey from visiting us. this Cruise had a visit from one of the fair dames of Onehow this afternoon she come on board to see her Brother and a loving time they had of it. their mode of Salute in meeting any of the "loved ones" is by touching the end of their noses together and then a General cry all round for about 5 minutes after which they are as merry as a lark with such a pow! wow! that you cannot hear yourself think. the same form is observed in leave taking it seems odd but it is Custom! now then good freind we are bound to the North West Coast and we ask your prayers for our safty and Success — —

Sunday 24th

Since monday we have had all sorts of weather we have been busy as bees notwithstanding a Shower or two. lost the run of our partner (the Nassau) on Wednesday but he hove in sight yesterday again this day the weather being fine Captain Worth paid us a visit. we have lived like fighting Cocks the past week having killed 3 good sized hogs The reason of which was the scarcity of provender for the poor de-s as it turns out to our advantage it is of course all right

Latitude 19-57 N Longitude 166-40 West

Sunday March 31st 1844

The past week we have had a good top Gallant breeze have had all our little kites set to catch the breeze. lost sight of the Nassau on wednesday and since that time we have been "alone on the wide waste of waters" have been busy withall setting up Spare Casks in case we should fall in with Whales the weather is delightfull at present a fortnight or three weeks more and we shall begin to "blow our fingers" but never mind we want to get home so much that we shall not mind the weather, I have added largely to my Store of books and have been very much interested with the perusal of Night and Morning The Gipsey & Paul Clifford by Bulwar The first mentioned one I think his masterpiece I have read a Great many fashionable novels and Night & Morning Stands among the No. 1s got a large assortment of the literary Magazines of the day Grahams Ladies & Gent and Seba Smiths Rover Stand (in my opinion) are the Lions. The first for beauty the last for interesting Tales Many others are added to the publishers and well worth the Subscription fees. (Sailor turned Cattle ha!)

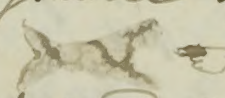
Latitude 24° = 08' North. Longitude 178° = 33' = 15" W

Sunday 7th

Light breezes from the Eastward during the past week We have made but little headway with all our Canvass have seen nothing in the Shape of Whales as yet. the weather is quite cold particularly at night "Caulking" is getting out of fashion fast on Friday 5th saw two Ships bound to the N.W. "Great expectations a-head!

Latitude 29 = 59 — Longitude 178° = 1' = 45" E

Friday 12th



Thick weather the last 2 days and quite cold withal Yesterday 8th Spoke the Ship Bowena of Fall River 5 months out 15 bbls of oil bound to N.W. Yesterday 11th at daylight raised a School of Right Whales Chased them all day at intervals Struck one but parted the line and he got clear — better luck by & by

Latitude 32 = 50 N Longitude 177. 40. W

Friday Apric 12th Continued

This afternoon we lowered for whales and got a Stoven boat for our trouble their seems to be plenty of whales on the Ground but they are going quick raised two Ships towards night weather quite cold but pleasant

Saturday 13th

At daylight this morning raised Whales to the leward we down boats and give chase but they was too quick for us returned on board and got breakfast kept the Ship headed for the whales and after dinner lowered again in company with the boats belonging to the French Ship Nil and the Sharon of Fairhaven Mass. the French boats struck but did not save the whale saw a Ship cutting to leward at 5 P M. Spoke the Ship Sharon the Captain paid us a visit I spent the evening on board the S. and heard the particulars respecting the horrid death of Captain Norris formerly of the S by the natives of the Kings Mills Group I shall bear it in mind but it would take a dutchman's dog watch to write it — 4 Ships in sight at Sundown

Latitude 33-35 Longitude 177-50 East —

Sunday 14th

Fine weather with light breezes from the South have seen whales several times this day bound on express to the Windward did not lower our boats as they was going two foot to our One we are all ready for them when they will show half a chance several Ship in sight and all chasing whales but at sun down none of them had succeeded in getting any

Latitude 34-17 Longitude 177-19 East

Sunday 21st

The past week we have had all sorts of weather Tuesday morning saw two Ships boiling and 3 others in sight during the day we have not seen any whales this week. the weather is cold rather too much so to be comfortable. This day we have had several squalls of Hail & Snow — the first this season.

Latitude 37-48 N. Longitude 177-49 East

Sunday Apl. 28th 1844

We have had the most uncomfortable weather the past week of any during the voyage the weather is very cold with plenty of Snow & Hail and blowing a Gale the most part of the time Friday and Saturday we could carry nothing but our Storm Sails. have seen plenty of Finbacks & Porpises some Seals and a few Wargans I have Suffered more with the cold the past week than for many years before and shall be glad when we leave this dismal dreary place. Just before dark this day raised two Right Whales but it was to late to lower our boats took in all Sail and are in great expectations for the "Morrow" the weather is cold but we must come to it if we want to get home. we can suffer a great deal to gain that end God Speed!

Latitude 42=06 Longitude 179=09 East

Sunday May 5th

Another week of disagreable weather, we have had Gale upon Gale attended with Snow, hail, & Rain in abundance we are now about 50 degrees North Latitude and it is as cold as the de. the North west is a great deal worse than I had any idea off I will give a brief sketch in a few words, from 4 to 6 hours per day at the mast head the rest part of the day doing nothing save now and then making, or taking in Sail when the days work is done and the watches set for the night we have the comfort of turning in to a Leaky Berth for our Ship leaks like a Sieve I have not had any dry bed cloths this fortnight—and I do not expect to have this season. it is blowing now a Strong Gale from the South East we are obledged to carry all the Sail possible as we are handy to land carried away our Fore Sail this afternoon should the Gale increase during the night we shall have ugly work for my part I am heartily sick. God grant I may reach home once more!

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Monday May 6th 1844

During the last night it blowed the hardest of any time the voyage carried away our Fore Top Sail twice together with the Fore Top mast Stay Sail at daylight we kept her away to the Eastward under a close reefed main Topsail and Fore Sail The wind haued a little to the westward and this afternoon it has moderated a little our course is E.S.E. (true course SE) and we are flying into warmer weather and leaving the land fast astern I am in hopes when we have good weather to see Whales. at any rate Whales or not. I shall be a happy man when the Cruise is ended I do not want Money so much as to ever Show my face on the North west again this is rather hard writing but my fingers is all thumbs we do not have Coal fires to warm our fingers the most active here are the Warmest (Welcome home!!!

Latitude 48=10 Longitude 179=54 E

Tuesday 7th The Gale broke during the morning watch and at 4 A M kept the Ship away to the S.E. with close reefed Topsails the way we went "was a Caution" Wednesday had fine weather and commenced repairing our Sails and Sheets which occupied us "like Thursday Even" this mending Sails when it takes 2 men to sew away the Snow "aint quite the thing" Friday the fog set in thick all hands below the most of the time, Saturday the Fog still continues and we are bound to the Eastward under all Sail.

Sunday 12th

Thick foggy weather still prevails with the wind from the S.W. we still continue on our course to the Eastward with all Sail. (in the day time) the weather is not so cold as it was with the late Gales but it is still disagreable the Fog is as thick as "Mush" we have been out in 45 North Latitude during the week but have seen nothing

Latitude 47 N. Longitude about 171 West

Thursday May 16th 1844

Thick weather still prevails. have had a fine wind to the Eastward since Sunday night it is cold and uncomfortable but we must grin and bear it, a few months and it will be all over — This morning at 4 A. M. raised a Whale it was nearly calm so we down boats and after about an hours pull succeeded in striking and killing the noble fellow took the whale along side and commenced cutting it commenced to blow fresh about the time we began and continued to increase so much that we had got but about 3/4ths of the blubber on deck when the fluke chain parted and the rest of the whale went to "Davy Jones" after clearing up the decks sent all hands below about 1 P.M. Spoke the Ship "Fanny of Sag Harbor Capt. Edwards 4½ Months out 40 bbls of Sperm oil.

Latitude 49 = 24 Longitude 162 = 15 West

Sunday 19th

Have had tolerable weather since Friday morning have boiled out our part of the Whale which made about 90 bbls if we had saved it all I think he would have made 130 bbls but as Jacob Fairfax says better luck next time. Yesterday raised a whale lowered our boats but did not get with gun Shot saw a ship to leeward which appear to be whaling This day the weather was thick and as it looked threatening we broke out and Stowed down our oil finished before sun down, during the after part of the day it was quite clear nothing in sight Shall probably steer to the N E Tomorrow we Shall soon be among the whales again

Latitude 49 = 18. Longitude 160 = 30 West

Monday 20th

Thick weather during the first part of the day at 12 M. raised a Sail on our weather bow steering towards us. at 1 P M raised whales and was soon in pursuit Succeeded in Striking two but after killing them they both got away one by the "line" parting and the other by the Iron drawing (handled)

Sunday May 26th 1844

Since Monday last we have had all sorts of weather have seen whales every day during the week except Wednesday but have taken nothing it has been a week of hard luck and no mistake this last week we have killed struck and destroyed 300 bbls of oil. their is plenty of whales on the ground but the weather is awful bad all that is wanted is good weather and we should soon be a deal to the North west saw a ship boiling on Friday

Latitude 50-21 Longitude 159-30 West

Monday 27

Thick weather with strong breezes during the first Part of this day. at 1 P.M. raised a ship and in about an hour afterwards raised a Whale saw for the whale and lowered our boats at 3 P.M. struck and killed him in short order took him along side, made every thing snug and set the watches for the night it has moderated fast since noon and we have now any prospect of a fine day to-morrow the whale will make 130 or 40 bbls without doubt

Latitude 51-03 Longitude 157-14 West

Sunday June 2nd 1844

We have had tolerable weather for the North West since we got the Whale, had a fine day on Tuesday and took our whale in board before dinner, Commenced boiling and finished on Thursday 5 P.M. he made about 130 bbls broke out on Thursday afternoon and had him stowed away in the Hold before dinner on Friday have not seen whales since Tuesday morning the last 3 days has been foggy and no weather for seeing anything we are bound to the Eastward as soon as we get a wind saw the ship Fanny on Friday Evening but did not speak her as it was rugged the weather is not so cold as it has been but the fog is almost as bad, I have had a bad face this last day or two dont know what it is only that it is very painful, Lat 58 50, long 145

Tuesday June 4th 1844

At daylight this morning raised a sail on our Starboard bow and at 8 A.M. the cry of "thar she blows" on our Larboard bow which was to the "windward" chased with the Ship "till 7 oclock and then down boats the waste boat Struck the whale and in two hours we had him along side commenced cutting and finished at 4 P.M. and commenced boiling he is a noble fish and looks fat. the other ship took a Whale and is now in sight boiling Supposed her to be the Pantheon of New Bedford

Latitude 51-52 Longitude 155-57 W

Sunday 9th

Have had fine weather since Tuesday finished boiling on Thursday afternoon and on Friday Stowed it down it was a noble fish and very fat yielded us 150 lbs of oil and about 1200 lbs of Whale bone. Saw whales on Friday afternoon but did not succede in getting any = This day at 11 A.M. raised a Dead Whale run for him but he was to far gone for our use Cut out an Iron marked S.S.A No 19 = it was a New Bedford harpoon and we supposed it to belong to the Ship South America or Sally Ann. of New Bedford at 2 P.M. raised a Ship and at 5 oclock Spoke her She proved to be our old Consort the Nassau Capt Wells paid us a visit and Spent the night I went on board the Nassau and Spent a pleasant Evening the N. has taken 3 whales this Season

Latitude 53-04 Longitude 152-35 West

Monday 10th

Light breezes and Smooth Sea at 10 A.M. raised Whales. the Nassau had the first Chance and Started them we chased about 5 hours and then returned on board tacked Ship and Stood to the Eastward at Sun down Saw the Nassau taking a whale along side = Success to them

Latitude 52-46 Longitude 152-09 west

Wednesday June 12th 1844
Thick foggy weather yesterday and part of this day, at 1 P.M. it cleared up and we saw whales lowered our boats and after chasing about an hour fastened to one (1 B) the line parted and he went to the — lowered 3 times more before night but did not succeede in getting any thing for our trouble
Latitude 53=09 Longitude 150-15 West
Thursday 13th
At daylight (2½) raised whales lowered our boats and gave Chase did not get fast Chased whales at intervals 'till 4½ P.M. no success the whales are plenty but as "wild as march hares. but as Jacob Faithful Says "better luck next time" we have had hard luck this cruise out of 6 whales that we have been fast to. only 3 have come to the Ship had we been fortunate we Should have had 1000 bbls this Season instead of 375. but "what's the use of Sighing" Give us clear weather and plenty of whales and we will make out a Season yet
Latitude 52=50 Longitude 149=45 West
Saturday 15th
Yesterday and up to 12 M. this day (W) Thick Fog heard whales all around us at noon it cleared up a little and we down boats Struck and saved one took him along side at 4 P.M. and commenced cutting cut till 9 o'clock and then set the watches for the night. clear weather at sundown
Latitude 53=01 Longitude 149=10
Sunday 16th
Commenced at 3 A.M. and finished cutting at 5 o'clock got breakfast and set the watch at 9 AM raised whales Stood along till after dinner (11 o'clock) & lowered our boats Struck a large whale but he was a racer after holding on 6 hours was obliged to cut lost the whale & 250 Fathoms of line besides Irons got along side at 8 P.M. well beat out Engaged on board in Boiling
Latitude & Longitude about the Same as Yesterday

Friday June 21st 1844

Since Sunday we have ben continually on the move our boats has been in the water half the time have been fast every day this week sometimes twice a day but have saved nothing we have lost two whales by the Irons breaking one by Sinking after he was dead and all ready to take along side one by the Lines Breaking and two we was obliged to leave after they was Spouting their blood on account of the fog. if this is not hard luck I do not know what is we have been up to this day fast to 16 whales enough if we had saved them all to fill our Ship but out of the 16 only 4 have come along side, Stowed down the last whale on Wednesday 19th he made us about 100 bbls. This day we had a touch of the hardest kind of luck lowered for the second time this day at 10 A M and Struck a whale (L B) their being two the Starboard boat pulled up to the loose one and struck he immediatly drove his flukes into the boat Stove her all to pieces and hurt two men one badly how they escaped Instant death god only knows. the waste boat pulled to the assistance of the sufferers and the Starboard boat being fast to the whale was drove out of sight it being thick I got stunded in fastning to the whale but soon got on my legs we managed to kill both whales and was forced to cut as the fog was very thick and the whales several miles to the windward of the Ship then was a Ship in sight and after so having lost sight of every thing for better than an hour we concluded it was not safe to continue any longer I hated to loose the the whales but the prospect looked dismal after cutting we Steered in the direction that we last see the Ship in about an hour raised her up and she seeing us hailed aboard it proved to be the Phocion of New Bedford Stopped on board till we got in sight of our Ship and

Friday June 21st Continued
Then we returned on board made sail and beat to the wind-ward in hopes of falling in with the dead Whales but the wind hauled and it Shut in Thick so that we could not see half a mile Captain Butler of the Phocion Stood on opposite tack from us but it proved of no avail as neither of us saw any thing more of the Whales at 7 P.M. Captain B_ paid us a visit and staid about 2 hours. we have now a Sloven boat to occupy the Spare time with the Captain is Carpenter and he is in very poor health. the North West weather will kill the best man that ever breathed in 5 years I long to get away from it for I have been sick ever since we have been here the thoughts of home is all that keeps me alive ——
Latitude 53=14 Longitude 149=04 W

Sunday 23d
Thick foggy weather since yesterday morning we lowered yesterday but did not do any thing since then we have been shut up in the fog the Captain and some others are busy in repairing the boat (more Sunday work) the rest have taken a watch below this day there has been plenty of whales in sight from deck but it is too rugged to put a boat in the water I am in hopes the whales will take a watch below for a few days till our folks get a little recruited the men that was hurt are doing well thanks to God for it ——
No observation this day

Wednesday 26th
Since Sunday we have seen plenty of whales any day our boats has been in the water 3 or 4 times a day, the weather is thick at intervals and we lower between the fog banks have met with no Success until this day when we lowered at 3 P.M. and was fortunate enough to Strike

Wednesday June 26th Continued

One and after three or four hours beating about in the rain and fog succeeded in killing him took him along side about 4 P.M. made everything snug and set the watches for the night, our men that was hurt are on the mending hand they are about decks but still quite lame. 2 Sails in sight to windward

Latitude 54=09 Longitude 148=15 West

Sunday 30th

Have been employed since Thursday morning in cutting boiling and boating have seen plenty of whales every day, have lowered but with no success, Finished boiling yesterday at 11 A.M. the whale is the fattest we have taken this voyage having yielded 100 bbls of oil, this morning (more sunday work) we commenced breaking out and had all the oil Stowed away before dark. have seen several Ships the last 4 days none of them are doing anything in the whaling line there is plenty of whales on the Ground but they are on the look out whoever gets near enough to strike is lucky I was obliged to heave up this Evening on account of my hands, Whale oil is poison to my flesh and my hands is one running sore and I am obliged to doctor for them. I am a mere Skeleton of what I was 4 Months ago and God knows I shall be glad when this cruise is ended I would not Suffer again as I have the last 3 months for all the whales on the North west I have lost 15 or 20 lb of flesh already this cruise and we have 3 months more yet to suffer in and then for home! home!! home!!! one Ship in Sight to leeward

No Observation this day

Thursday July 4th Independance Forever

Thick foggy weather 9/10ths of the time since Sunday Struck a whale on Tuesday but lost him owing to the Harpoons breaking same day Spoke the Ship Mankar of Newport 3 Years out with 900 Sperm and 500 of whale oil This morning saw whales, but they was too fond of their liberty to

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Thursday July 4th Continued
let us deprive them of it. at 3 P. M. it cleared
up again and we lowered down our boats
Struck a whale and in two hours had him
along side it was the only time in the day
that it was clear for half an hour at a time
and it is something remarkable that we should
get a whale this day as it makes three 4ths
of July running that we have taken a whale
alongside our good Ship this one will make
us up 2000 bbls Strong commenced cutting and
worked till 9 P.M. Got Supper and set the
watches for an early call in the morning
Latitude 54=07 Longitude 147=13

Sunday July 7th
Thick Weather Thick prevails Cut in our whale
and have been Engaged in boiling till this
morning Struck a whale Yesterday (SB) got nothing
for our trouble but a Stoven boat Saw
the Ship Edward of Hudson oil not Stated
This afternoon Stowed down the oil more Sunday work
the whale Made 115 bbls a pretty good haul for
a foggy day this is plenty of whales but the
weather is awful bad my hands are getting better
and I am now about ready again two or three
months more and then!!!!! —!— !— !
— — No Observation this day — — —

Thursday 11th
We have got drifted out of the whales have
not seen them but one since Sunday until this
day. when at 3 A. M. (rather early) raised one
half a mile from the Ship. Called all hands
and down boats Struck him and soon had him
Spouting blood after he was dead and we thought
ourselves sure of him. he went down like a stone
pulled to the Ship and got breakfast last Eve
Spoke the Ship Triad of Freeport she lowered our
boats 4 times during the day but no luck there is
now plenty of whales and 6 Ships in sight No Observation

Saturday July 13th

Thick weather and light breezes. plenty of whales in all directions Lowered this afternoon although it was as thick as mush and was soon fast to a noble fellow and in a short time had him dead could not see the ship but after an hour and a we heard the big Gun to leeward of us took the whale in tow and from the continual reports of the Gun was enabled to find the ship got the whale along side at 7 P.M. handed sails &c &c and set the watch for the night do not believe there was another whale taken this day on the N.W. and it was pure good luck in our getting this one

Latitude 54 = 47 Longitude 145 = 50 W

Sunday 14th

Engaged till 2 P.M. in cutting it was very rugged and we had hard work. see plenty of whales this afternoon but the weather was bad for our boats. we have something to occupy the time for a few days, if it continues rugged 2 ships in sight

Latitude and Longitude about the same as yesterday

Sunday 21st

No great improvement in the weather we have had a busy week in chasing whales stowing down and setting up casks, Tuesday struck a whale but the line parted and we lost him on Thursday Spoke the Ship Eagle of Fairhaven 13 mos out 950 bbls of oil got some clothes out of the E. which our folks stood greatly in need of Stowed down our oil on Thursday. the whale made us 150 bbls. 70 bbls more will fill our lower hold shall soon get it with good weather and a little good luck we have lost enough by bad lines and Irons to fill our ship, Friday and Yesterday we had rain and wind [illegible] took in all sail and let her mull! more rain more rest. no observation this day

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Thursday July 25th 1844

Since Sunday we have had the best weather of any this season Plenty of whales but they are as shy as larks there has been from 4 to 9 Ships in sight daily all chasing whales but none of them getting any thing we have lowered our boats 4 and 5 times a day without success. till this day when after a long chase we was fortunate enough to strike one which we fixed out in double quick time took him alongside at 4 P.M. and commenced cutting got the throat piece and lips on board before dark secured the whale and set the watches for the night. 4 Ships in sight at dark 9 P.M.

Latitude 54=19 Longitude 146=11

Friday 26th

During the night it commenced blowing fresh and this morning it was so rugged that we could not cut made everything snug and all hands turned in to wait for better weather towards night the whale had swelled so much that we cut him open. plenty of whales in all directions

No observation this day

Saturday 27th

The wind and sea is on the decrease this morning and it continued to moderate towards noon. after dinner we were ship and commenced cutting in the body of the whale he would not keep any longer in the water could not save the bone which is about $700. dead loss. finished cutting at 5 P.M. and commenced boiling. the weather is moderating fast

Latitude 55=49 Longitude 145=15

Sunday 28th

Fine weather and light breezes from S.S.West Engaged in boiling the blubber is fat and if we had saved him all should have had a fine fare saw a Ship cutting on our Starboard bow she was engaged at it all day rather guess he had a blasted whale to work on as well as ourselves

Latitude 55-32 Longitude (46=47)

Sunday August 4th 1844

The past week we have had fine smooth weather and plenty of fog, during the late blow. we got drifted off the whale ground yesterday was the first time that we have seen whales since Saturday 27th of July. Finished boiling our whale on Monday 29th and stowed it down on Tuesday 30th the whale yielded 120 bbls of oil, finished stowing off the lower hold and have 7 butts of oil between decks for a rest egg. Sev whales more will fill us up if we can only be so fortunate as to get them. it would only be a fortnights work and then for home. but the whales are as wild as the de-l. we have lowered 3 times this day but could not get near one of them. 5 ships in sight

Latitude 54=54 Longitude about 145= West

Sunday 11th

Nothing occured during the first part of the past week except the usual work of chasing whales without success. and plenty of foggy weather to do that in. Yesterday (10th) we had a change of luck "to wit" early in the morning raised whales and immediately gave chase we took him before the dew was off his eyes and a noble one he was. in about 2 hours after we struck, had him along side and by 3 P.M. had every thing snug in board and commenced boiling at 4 P.M. lowered for another whale but was not fortunate enough to do anything This day we have had one "dig" at them but no success. we are now engaged in boiling with tolerable clear weather. So good night!

Latitude 5°=45 Longitude 148=13

Friday 16th (no observation)

Since Sunday we have had thick weather attended with rain at intervals Stowed down on Tuesday 128 bbls of oil. This day raised a whale 1/4 of a mile from the ship lowered down & struck him after a 4 hours tow succeeded in killing him. but he sank like a stone, lost 80 fathoms of towline and 5 irons. it rained hard all the time we was off = 85m Still raining

Sunday August 18th 1844
This has been the most pleasant day that we have had this season the sun has been in sight 12 hours which is a remarkable occurence in this region. Friday night and all day Yesterday it rained like Deluge. We lowered our boats this day at 12 M. and at 2 P.M. struck a large whale but after being fast about 1/4 of an hour the Iron drawed and he went to davy Jones. "better luck next time" Perhaps
Latitude 53=12 Longitude 148=49

Sunday 25th
Nothing of consequence has occured during the past week except Speaking the Ship Nancy of Sag Harbour 13 months out 1900 bbls of whale oil She has taken 1500 this season Spoke her on Tuesday last have had very bad weather, chased whales on Thursday and again on Saturday but they was to much for us we have been to the Southward and again to the North but all to no purpose the weather evidently is getting worse and the whales scarce and for my part I can see no better way than to "up Stick" for America as soon as possible before all our friends forget us! This day it has rained hard all the time the Ship has been under close reefed Topsails the crew has been taking advantage of the times, one of our Natives has been very Sick during the week but is now rather better 7 P.M. raining like Deluge — No observation this day

Thursday 29
Thick weather and quite rugged saw a whale this morning but he was going to windward quick did not lower at 10 A.M. Spoke the Ship Edward of Hudson she was looking for whale having taken 800 Bs this season which filled her up, at 5 P.M. Spoke

Thursday August 29 1844

The Ship Falcon of New Bedford 13 mos out 1400 bls of whale and 200. of Sperm Oil Capt. Richmond paid us a visit and is ship (B & M) on board he is bound to New Zeland.

Friday 30th

During the early part of the night it blowed on strong this day it has been very raggedd it was so bad that Capt Richmond did not venture to go on board of his ship and he spent the night and all day (this day) with us the Captains had a regular flare up last night they was both as — as the devil it is no new thing with us lately and that makes me anxious to have the voyage ended It will not do to talk here but folks will think if sailors conducted themselves half as bad as the Captains do they would be flogged to death and the Captains justified; but enough of this!

Latitude 53-40 Longitude 148-15

Sunday September 1 1844

We have had clear weather but rugged plenty of whales in sight all day. this afternoon we lowered and in 15 minutes was fast to two whales killed one in short order but the other took to running and after 5 hours hard work we was obliged to cut and let him go being 12 miles to windward of the ship. Got on board at Sundown and set the watches for the night those on board had taken the whale along side and made every thing snug previous to our return ---

Monday 2

Commenced cutting at daylight and tried hard to get the whale inboard but after parting our grays and breaking a blubber hook was obliged to give it up for the day the weather is clear but rugged as the —

Latitude 52-50 Longitude 148 09

Sunday September 8th (half watches)
during the Past week we have had all sorts
weather made out to cut in our whale on
Tuesday 3d and finished boiling on Thursday
midnight Friday Commenced Stowing down
but did not finish as the oil was not cold
enough same evening Spoke the Ship Richmond
Capt Ludlow 9 months out with 2300 bbls
of oil She has taken it all this Season during
the week several of our crew has been taken
with the scurvy and Yesterday their was 11
cases at 12 oclock Yesterday finished Stowing
down wore Ship and put on all Sail and
headed our Course S by E for the Sandwich
Islands the scurvy is an awful desease and
the the sooner we get into port the better I
hope we shall all get in in safty our trust
is in that God who has protected us for 41 months
the wind is favourable now and should it
continue we shall make the land in 15 or 20
days we count ourselves now Home-ward
bound thank God, as we shall procede directly
home after leaving the Islands we have taken
about 1300 bbls of oil this season which makes
us 2550 bbls including our Sperm oil it is a
poor voyage but if we get home safe I shall
be contented and Catch me again! who can!
Latitude 51=40 Longitude 145=54 West

Sunday 15th
all sorts of weather during the past week
Sometimes all Sail set and sometimes close reefed
Topsails the wind Generally from the S.W.
we have made about 600 miles to the South
and the air is quite mild again Thank God
our folks are rather better owing to eating plenty
of pickled Cabbage which is good for the scurvy
we have no new cases and I am in hopes there will
not be any more. Latitude 40=12 Longitude 142=53

Sunday September 22nd 1844

Beautiful weather but light winds during the past week we have been as busy as bees in drying, bunching and Stowing away our whale bone in all about 13000 lbs. have also cleaned our Ship a little and have for the last 2 days been engaged in Rope making the present week we Shall probably have our Rigging in good order again our progress towards port has been Slow as will be seen by the observations. our folks that have the Scurvy are about the Same. And no new cases thanks to God. we are in hopes of a run this week that will carry us into the trades and then we will go off flying for my own part I am nearly Starved having eat nothing but bread and water this last fortnight I intend to run opposition to Caleb Edson when I get home as the North west Skeleton = house! well I expect if I live to be there in seven months from date and then Stand clear

Latitude 35 = 17 Longitude 144 = 53 West

Sunday 29th

Light winds and fine weather during the past week we have not made much headway towards port as yet but still we live in hopes during the week we have been engaged in Rattling down our rigging fore and aft making rope and various other jobs. our folks hold about the same as regards the Scurvy. this day raised a Brig Steering to the S W. probably for the Islands we Should have spoke her if we had any chance. as She has probably plenty of recruits on board I would give $20. for a basket of potatoes myself freely and as She is from the main land if we could catch her no doubt we Should get them our distance now from the Islands is only 778 miles with a good breeze in 5 days we Should be "Safely moored" Latitude 29 = 25 Longitude 145 07

Sunday October 5th 1844.
Another week of fine weather and light breezes has past but no land yet we have had the wind from N W to S E at intervals and have been able to head our course slowly along on Tuesday saw a brig bound to S W probably for the Islands last Evening we took the N E Trade and have been going a jog since we have every prospect of getting in by Wednesday next our sick folks are about the same with the exception of one Native he has lost every tooth that he had in his head poor fellow he will have to eat poey the rest of his life all hands have been employed during the week in Ships work &c
Latitude 24°-36' Longitude 151-27' Distance 283 m
Sunday 11th
Light winds since Sunday last raised the land on Wednesday and this Evening we let go an Anchor in the Passage after towing about 3 hours against a head current there is upwards of 40 Ships now in port and about half of them is bound home
Sunday 13th
Got under weigh yesterday afternoon with a fine breeze and run up to the anchorage ground in Short order This day all hands went on Shore I heard a good sermon from one of the Mission preachers his text was from Joshua 23d Chapter 15th verse. some of the Captains belonging to the Ships address the meeting in the afternoon at Sun down returned on board well beat out
Sunday 20th
We have had a busy week overhauling our Stays and rigging and putting them in order for a homeward bound passage, have not as yet had any liberty except Sundays but shall in the Course of a few days now as our work is nearly done, we have on board about 23000 bbls up

Sunday 20th October 1844

of Whalebone as freight belonging to the Ship Trident of New Bedford and with our passage water and provisions we are all full below and the Ships continue to arrive daily among the rest the Samuel Robertson is one She got in on Wednesday last with 1350 lbs of Sperm Oil 35 months out. I have Spent several pleasant Evenings with my Brother John during the week we Shall be ready for Sea in 6 or 8 days, the Sooner the better for we are bound Home this day all that had a mind went on Shore. I went for one and after Church visited the Ship Sam.l Robinson and Spent the evening, up to this time 9 P.M. So good night

Sunday 27th

Nothing of consequence has occured during the past week our crew has enjoyed themselves on Shore several hundred American Seamen are now daily on Shore and as yet I have not seen one case of Intemperance the Government here do not grant any licence for retailing Spirits, Still like all other places people can get it if they are so minded but the truth is that Sailors are getting more temperate every day I Should think that there was three hundred at Church this day one Ship (the Aydashe) arrived this day with all hands down with the Scurvy Six of the crew have died within the last week and several more are not expected to live I went on board of her and it was the most heart rending Sight I ever Saw the poor fellows are unable to move some of them are Swelled to 3 times their original Size Great praise is due to Capt Gellet of the Uncas who boarded them in the passage and immediately Sent them every thing that was useful on such occasions

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Wednesday October 30th 1844

Having procured our recruits and finished business on Shore we this day hove up our Anchor for (I hope) the last time had a fine breeze and went out of the harbour in good shape at 4 PM we are now (thank God) homeward bound and the sooner we get there the better, One more of the Hydaspe's Crew died yesterday and the opinion of the doctors is that the rest will recover (God grant it). the Ship Wm Hamilton left here last evening bound home I sent 3 letters by her to my friends I am in hopes that they will be the last I shall be obliged to send from this place I went on Shore Yesterday and bid adieu to all my friends And I am really in hopes I shall never see them again in these regions Monday 28th the Sam'l Robertson went to Sea on a cruise. we left 33 Ships at anchor most of them bound on a cruise

Sunday November 3d

We have had strong trade winds since Thursday last just enough to carry all sail by the wind, our good Ship goes about 5 knots on the wind but we shall have it fair one of these days. This day Spoke the French Whale Ship Nil Capt Smith (am) She left the Islands on Friday the Captains had a regular Gam (French Fashion) all the afternoon & Evening the Nil is a Screamer for sailing we carried Topsails Top Gallant and Studding Sails Jib & Fly Jib and She hoisted her own under 3 Topsails alone the N. is bound to N Zeland

Latitude 15° 01' Longitude 150 = 14 W

Sunday 10th

Light breezes from the Eastward during the past week we have been under all sail but have not made much progress Still the wind is fair and we must not Grumble

Latitude 4 = 46 Longitude 150 = 45

Sunday November 17th 1844

The trades has been rather stronger during the past week but they still hang well to the Eastward. rather bad for us. Crossed the Equator on Thursday (1 a.m.) and are now in South Latitude with a fair wind we was favoured in crossing the line having a nice little breeze all the time ships in general are 8 or 10 days beating about in light winds and Calms showed fortune still continue her favours we shall be up to Cape Horn in 5 or 6 weeks God speed

Latitude 8°=0 9' South Longitude 155=43

Sunday 24

Fine weather and light breezes up to Thursday last when it died away altogether and left us in sight of Maunura Island one of the Society Group it has been calm till this day when we took a breeze from the Northward and now 7 PM going off 5 knots with all sail set the weather is very warm but I am in hopes to have it colder in the course 2 or 3 weeks home! home!!

Latitude 18°=06' Longitude 152°=23' W

Sunday December 1st 1844

Light breezes and Calms alternately the first 5 days of the past week so that we made but little headway, on Friday Evening we took a strong breeze from the Eastward and have been going a-head a good jog since then This morning at daylight raised the land Remetara (one of the Society's) 4 points off our lee bow bearing S.W. by S. passed within ten miles of it it is a beautiful spot on the ocean being about 20 miles or thereabouts in circumferance and studded with groves of Coaco Nut and bannana trees. we left it without regret as we are homeward bound

Latitude 22°=59' Longitude 151°=52' W

Sunday December 8th 1844

All Sorts of weather during the past week from a Top Gallant Studding sail, to a close reefed Topsail breeze we have been able to lay our course along most of the time and are now drawing along into airish kind of weather again during the week we have set up all our rigging and every thing is OK for Cape Horn — the sooner the better —

Latitude 38=05 Longitude 148=54

Sunday 15th

Moderate breezes from the Westward during the past week we have been jogging along with all sail and going from 3 to 6 knots this day the wind hauled about 2 points to the North and is increasing so that now we have a prospect of a good run our course is E.S.E. so that we are nearly before the wind and sea at 5 P.M. took in the lower and top-Gallant Studding sails and shall probably be under Reefed Topsails by morning God Speed

Latitude 41=40 Longitude 133=37

Sunday 22nd

The first two day of the past week had light breezes from the Westward Tuesday Evening the wind hauled out to the Eastward blowing fresh for 24 hours Wednesday at 1 A.M. Carried away our Fore Top Gallant Mast and had a dirty job in clearing the fragments away as it rained all the time we was engaged, the wind hauled during the day (Wednesday) and at 4 P.M. we was before the wind with a Spanking breeze Wednesday Midnight Carried away our Fore Topsail Sheet it blowing very hard. Called all hands and close Reefed the topsails fore and aft and since then we have been going from 6 to 9 knots

Sunday December 22nd 1844

Our Ship is very Wet the water is continually coming in board at every roll. it makes it disagreable but we can Stand anything— with a fair wind Homeward bound we have taken 2 porpoises this last week they are Good eating. in all weather we have had a better run the last week than any previous one during the voyage having run 25° 59′ as will be seen by referring to the Observations, 2 weeks more and we shall be thro' "round the horn", this afternoon the wind hauled out to S.S.W. and we are now going along (with every thing Set that will draw) about 7 knots Steady !!

Latitude 48° 40′ Longitude 114° 42′

Sunday 29th

All sorts of weather since the 22nd fair, foul, and none at all, on Monday night 23 discovered a Comet bearing S° 3/4 W. by Compass it is not so large as the former one but is very bright to us in these high latitudes the length is about 13° 58′ and its Course Westerly, Thursday 24th hailed 2 Sperm Whales close to the Ship one of them came so near as to have an Iron to back off with him thrown by one of our Boatsteerers from the martingale (or dolphin Striker as some call it) they was large fish but the weather did not look good so we let them pass. Wednesday it commenced blowing from the Southward and we had a severe gale which lasted as about 19 hours since then we have had light breezes from the N.E. this day it has been very thick we have plenty of fog with the wind from the Eastward, = no Observation =

Lat by D R 54° 00′ Long by D R 94° 00 = 00

Wednesday January 1st 1845

A merry Christmas and happy new year to all friends here and elsewhere! We in the Pacific ocean have had a fine day and a spanking breeze from the S.W. which came in the shape of a new years present about 1 A.M. We are walking off between 8 and 9 knots with free sheet and light hearts and glorious prospects ahead 4 days with this breeze and we shall be once more in the Atlantic ocean with our head pointed to the free States of North America!!!

Latitude 56° 51' Longitude 88° 12'

Sunday 5th

Since the 1st we have had light breezes from the North-West fair but very little of it the weather is good and quite mild for this part of the world (This day) we have had a beautiful day with a gentle breeze from the Westward, have seen plenty of fin backs Porgans and two Cape Horn Pigeons, all hands are in excelent health and are continually talking of home I hope we may all reach it in safety with a favourable wind we shall soon be once more on the waters of the Atlantic, I am in hopes of falling in with some of the outward bound fleet to get some news they will be plenty this season and our chance is good to see them

Latitude 57° 20' Longitude 79° 52' W

Monday 6th

Fine weather and a good breeze from the N.W have every prospect of a fine run. last Night 10 P.M. raised a Ship on our larboard bow headed to Westward hauled aback our Main Yard but she stood along without taking any notice of us. this Morning saw another Ship to leward

Latitude 57°-58 Longitude 75-21

Wednesday Jany 8th 1845

Since monday night we have had a fine run. and are now in the Atlantic Ocean (thank God) Tuesday morning saw another ship but we was making 9 knots towards home and could not stop I should like to speak one but as not want to heave too in a 9 knot breeze for it. this has been a happy day to a great many at home (Battle of New Orleans I hope the dear hero is alive to witness the celebration) but none of them is more so than we poor dogs to be once more on the atlantic headed to our Native Shore. we are now half way. and have been 30 days from Mowee if we get home in the like number we cannot grumble. Yesterday caught a fine Porpoise and had a tuck out it was the best we could do in the way of — celebrating this doubly glorious day and with the hope of pleasant dreams I shall close this days diary home sweet home!

Latitude 57°-13 Longitude 67°-09

Sunday 12th

Fine weather and good breezes since the 8th (with the exception of yesterday it being calm about 8 of the 24 hours) raised a ship on Thursday Morning on our lee quarter she is bound to America and sails about the same as ourselves we have not been 4 miles apart since that time have not spoke as yet but shall probably if the weather moderates on Friday 10th saw another ship steering to the westward — for the Cape of course — sent the fore top Gallant Mast up Yesterday and caught a Porpoise — pretty good business hey! we have two of our Men number on

over

Sunday January 12th 1845

The sick list one is the Captain and the other is one of our hands forward the Captain is quite low and I should not be ~~surprised~~ at all dissapointed if we had to leave him before we reach home his Constitution is all broken up. and he will leave us sudden in some of his ill turns which of late he has had frequent spells he may recover and spend many years. and I hope it may prove so. but I think Old king A— has set his mark upon him, this day we have had a spanking breeze from W.S.W everything is set that will draw and we are going large 9 knots our partner is 3 miles to N.E.

Latitude S 3 = 03 Longitude S 5 = 52

Sunday 19th

During the past week we have had light winds or dead a-head lost our partner (the other Ship) during the night of the 13th have seen nothing of Consequence since the Captain has had a very sick week but is now about again Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday he had watching with him it was just touch and go with him. our other sick one is getting better as we draw into warm weather This day at 5 A M it commenced blowing from the N E, and has Continued up to this time (7 P M). increasing every hour Should it continue we shall have a disagreable night a close reefed Main topsail is all we can carry and hard work to do that at times

Latitude 46 = 11 = Longitude 40 = 41

Monday 20th

Up to 12 o'clock last night it blowed like fury but the wind hauling to westward. Made sail at 11 P.M. and kept away N.E. with the wind nearly aft and going about 8 knots —

Latitude 45 = 10 Longitude 39 = 20

Sunday January 26 1845

Since the Gale we have had a fair wind
It hauled to the South on Tuesday night
and has varied from that to S.E. since then
it is not very strong and we cannot get more
than 6 or 7 knots if it continues a few days
longer it will probably turn to the Trades
and we shall go off flying. We have been
favoured with fair winds this passage so
far and we trust in the same power for a
continuation of them. have been busy the last
4 days in repairing the damages occasioned
by the late Gale I hope we may steer clear
of them for the future for our "Old hulk" will
not stand everything! She is like an old shoe
the Captain is now about but still quite feble
Caught a Porpoise Yesterday and had a
tukk out of course. have seen several right
Whales during the week all bound to the Windward
I am in hopes that nothing will detain us "till we
fetch up at Palmes Island, and then Jim O'Neil
Latitude 4 P.M. 35=45 Longitude 34=21

Sunday February 2nd

Fine weather and light breezes during the past
week it is fair however and what we do go is
towards home, raised our old Partner again on
Thursday morning and she is still in sight on
our Starboard beam distant 5 miles she sails as
well as ourselves and we shall probably be in
sight of each other off and on all the passage.
This morning we took the S.E. Trades and
are now in a fair way of making more
head-way than we have the last fortnight I.
am in hopes to run 16 or 18 Degrees of Latitude
this week with a little good luck I shall be
with some of my friends (if I have any left) Seven
weeks from this night = the Capt.n is quite sick again
Latitude 27-39 - Longitude 28=21

Sunday February 9th 1845

Strong breezes from the North. since Monday the 3d we have been under sail from a close reefed main topsail to single reefed topsails fore and aft. have made nothing. not even a fair days run the whole week. our partner kept us company like Thursday when we lost him by taking ship. from monday up to yesterday we made but 17 miles to the North a little over 3 miles pr day. we have 4000 miles to run before we reach home and at that rate of going I rather think some folks will get tired of waiting, but we must not borrow trouble it comes fast enough the wind will change some time or other and with a fair wind we shall probably regain our spirits (they are awful low at present) we felt sure that we had the "Trades" last Sunday but have since found ourselves sadly disappointed "Grub" is getting scarce, we served out the last of our "long tailed Sugar" yesterday and I think some of our folks will have to leave their sweet tooth in the Atlantic we want the wind to "bend Top Gallant Masts" for about a week and then! — dont mention it!!!

Latitude 24=34 Longitude 26=13:00 W

Sunday 16th

Another week has past but our prospects has not brightened much, have had light breezes from E. to NE which has kept us on a bowline we have been busy all the week taking down and setting up rigging. and getting ready to paint if we ever have a chance, saw a Brig on Thursday steering to S.E. and another this an English Merchant Ship passed us this day steering S by W probably for Cape Town our Captain is very low again he looks like death!

Latitude 17=14 Longitude 20=04 W

Thursday Feby 20th 1845

Moderate breezes from the Eastward since the 16th saw a Sail on Tuesday and another Yesterday Morning they was Steering to the South this Morning at daylight kept the Ship away for the land (Pernambuco) in Consequence of the Captain. he being very low and in want of medical advice we shall probably make it (the land) tomorrow as it is but 139 miles distant (at 4 P M.) Course N W by W

Latitude 9 = 42 Longitude 32 = 50 W

Saturday 22nd — Washington's Birth day!

Strong breezes from SSE during the last 24 hours raised Pernambuco light bearing N W by W at 1 A M. Come to an Anchor at 7 oclock. got breakfast. and the Captain went on Shore those on board commenced Painting Ship we got her painted out side and all the yards and mast heads before dark their is plenty of Ship inside the harbour and 7 or 8 out side (we lay outside) have not heard any news as yet from home

Sunday 23d

Contrary to our expectations all hands has been kept on board this day setting up the head rigging Painting &c. it is Shame fie and thank God we are almost to our journeys end we have no more regard paid to the Sabbath in this Ship than the heathens of the East! the Captain is Stil on Shore and under the Charge of the doctors they report him in a poor State heard of the defeat of the whigs and the election of Col Polk and G M Dallas as president & vice President of the US what do you think of it Whigs! hard Cider & Henry Clay would not go down this time by!! rather guess Salt river will be well filled up by the time I get home. — the City of Pernambuco looks fine from the Anchorage but I want a nearer view before I make any remarks —

Sunday March 2nd 1845

Finished all our work on Tuesday last and as the Captain was no better the Crew had liberty to go on Shore. I have spent the best Part of the week in visiting the Curiosities of the place, on Thursday last I visited nearly all the Churches in the place they are Splendid and no mistake it cost me about 4 or. in donations to the various Saints those that dance must pay! I wanted to see everything that was worth looking at, when we get to sea I shall be able to give a better discription of the place than at present I am going on Shore this evening and am in hopes we shall get to sea tomorrow for with all its beauties this city is not like my favourite Boston. for as the poet Says "my heart is not here" I wrote a letter to my friends on Thursday and sent it by Captain Pendleton of the Barque Blackstone of Mystic that will probaly be here or two weeks in advance of our own arrival (sold 2 ves. of whale on this day)

9 P.M. I have Spent the evening on Shore and a dull time they have of it here a Stranger would not know that it was Sunday by appearances. almost all the Stores and an endless number of Grog Shops are open as on any other day The Theatres was open this evening they performed the Sacred Drama of Joseph in Egypt the House is crowded with Slaves dressed out quite Gay in their Holiday Suits. our Captain returned from the Country this afternoon but he is no better he looks as though his time was short

Tuesday March 4th 1845

With the blessings of God we are again on our home track. took our anchor this morning and at 4 P.M. the Captain came on board, he is very sick but I fal in hopes that we shall be able to get him with his family once more. I do not think he will stand it long. but I think his chance (now that he has some nourishment at sea far better than in Pernambuco he is anxious to get home and we must do the best to get him there. Several vessels left for the States this day we have every thing spread that is possible with a fair wind - God Speed us - a friend of mine on shore sent me half a dozen of wine to drink the health of the new President he is a "loco" of course we sail with 1 passenger a Portuguese he belongs to the western Islands and goes home by the way of the U.S. for want of a better conveyance the crew have a variety of birds and other little productions of the country to carry to their friends fruit is plenty and we have plenty of it as long as it last with regard to Pernambuco I have only to say that it is a Dirt up hole the city runs about North and South and is subdivided by rivers which is connected by 6 bridges the first at the northern extremity is the largest and has a fine little bay which is almost Iron bound and a fine walk with seats &c for persons who feel inclined to inhale the sea breeze it is the the only place of public accomadation in that line and is dotted here and there with small Palm trees a great many of both sexes resort there in the evening smoke their Cigars make bargains &c &c the Population is about 70.000 and I think 1/2 is Negroes all the labour is performed by the Slaves and various other things too numerous to mention here —

Sunday March 9th 1845

Since clearing the land we have had a fine breeze from the S.E. and have been going a good jog towards home— the Captain is considerably better he says he can eat quite a slice of Salt-Junk now and he thinks when he gets a Cargo of that Stowed away in his lower hold he shall gain strength fast good land it may prove so— our Passenger has been Sea sick all the time but it is not a dangerous sickness so as all other Sailors we must have our laugh at the poor— the Birds are all in good condition and the fruit is declining rapidly the Crew are all healthy and in high expectations thank God of reaching home by the first of the coming month— we crossed the line last evening amid showers of rain and prosperous breezes and are now once more in our own Ocean the North Atlantic for myself I hope I shall never have to cross it again I have seen wonders enough

On Friday 7th at 8 P.M. Raised a shoal of Sperm whales the weather was not very good but we drove with two boats and Gave them a dig but it was no go returned on board and continued on our course N.W. by N. in bringing the ship to the wind a sea Struck the Main Stay staff and carried it away leaving the head Gearing at liberty for the night as we was nearly before the wind, of course the fibs was of no use—

Latitude 1=08 North, Longitude 38=40

Sunday 16th

Fine breezes during the past week took the N.E. Trades on Tuesday and are now going a good jog saw a Ship on Tuesday Going Steering to the East-ward This day we raised a Ship Steering N.W. by N. the Captain is on the mending hand and our prospects Good!!!

Latitude 12=52 N. Longitude 48=20

Sunday March 23d 1845

Had a fine breeze till Thursday last (20th) Since then we have had a Calm 3/4 of the time, (nothing remarkable in this part of the world) the weather is clear but very warm, have seen plenty of Gulf weed during the last 3 days and several Vessels during the week nearly all of them bound to the West Indies this day saw 3 Brigs at daylight at 8 a.m. Spoke one which proved to be the Cresent from Philadelphia 10 days bound to Barbadoes W.I. I have been quite unwell the last week owing to a severe Cold caught in a rain Squall I feel to day like the butt end of a hard bargain. A good breeze, I think would be very beneficial in my Case, Caught several small fish this forenoon which will give us a fresh mess for Supper a fortnight more and then! — — —

Latitude 21=06 N Longitude 57=01

Sunday 30th

The first part of the past week we had light breezes from the N.E and S.S.W. on Wednesday Midnight took a breeze from the Eastward and have been walking off 9 Knots per hour and not winking — have seen plenty of Gulf weed and several Vessels Steering both ways this day have had two Consorts a Brig Steering to N.W. and a Ship Steering to the Eastward or as near it as possible had a fine day day and got several distances of the Sun and Moon our distance from Home is only 590 Miles and 4 days decent run will take us to that land of Liberty — the weather is rather airish but being homeward bound after a 47 Months Cruise we can stand anything I am strongly in hopes of taking Tea with some folks next Sunday Evening

Latitude 31=30 - Longitude 66=25 at 9 a.m.

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Monday March 31st 1845
The breeze still continues and we are going a-head for home flying - the weather is as thick as mush and we shall probably have it so "like we got through the Gulf unless we have a North wester which God forbid - as that would be in our teeth this afternoon - struck in and knocked down our try works so now we will bid good bye to Whaling for this voyage
Latitude 34= Longitude 68=

Wednesday April 2nd 1845
Had a fine breeze on monday night from the South it hauled on the morning of the 1st (Tuesday) to S.W blowing hard took in our studding sails and at 10 A.M. double reefed the Topsails the wind still on the increase and hauling to the westward at 4 P.M. Close reefed the Main and Mizzen Topsails and handed the fore Topsail 1/2 past 6 Main sail at 12½ o'clock this morning the wind struck us aback from the S.W. and as cold as the devil it died away towards noon, at 3 P.M. took a breeze from S.W and we are off again like boys horse saw a ship this morning steering to S.E. we had plenty of lightning and a very heavy sea in the Gulf but that is not uncommon, we have a fair wind now and are only 200 miles from our Port and if we have any prayers left we desire their prayers for a favourable run we wish them to bear in mind that we are now 4½ months out, poorly clad, and worse fed if any body needs the prayers of the good folks I am sure it is ourselves so good night
Latitude 38=18 Longitude 69=49

Thursday April 3d 1845

Very unfavourable winds since 8 P.M. last evening as it hauled at that time out to N.W. again and blowed fresh we have been beating since then but as we cannot carry much sail do not make much headway saw a Brig this morning steering to the S.S.W. we are only 130 miles from New Bedford but unless the wind hauls we shall be a month or less getting in I do not think our friends exerted themselves much at prayer last night I trust they will do better or we shall starve or freeze to death for there is no mistake about it it is as cold as — all hand is as busy as bees stowing away their traps it will not take long to clear the ship if we are fortunate enough to get home

Latitude 39=30 Longitude 70=30

Friday 4th

The wind died away at 10 P.m. and at 12 Midnight took a breeze from the South-ward made all sail and stood along N.W. by N for Block Island at 7 A.M. took in our Studding sails as the wind increased and hauled to S.W. at 8 o'clock A.M. we was under a Close reefed Main Topsail with the wind W.S.W. and blowing like Sixty we have the d—s own luck for had the wind held on as it was at daylight we should have been in by before now. at 3 P.m it moderated and we set the Fore Course and Mizzen Topsail and are now making sail as she will bear it the wind still continues to head us off and I suppose we must be all ready for another North-Wester God knows when we shall get a breeze to take us in we only want it about 12 hours as we cannot be more than 90 Miles distant = saw two Ships during the d.

Latitude 40=04 Longitude 70=30

Saturday June 5th 1845
Had the wind from the westward until
10 P.M. last Evening at which time it hauled
to the North and by 3 A.M we had her
under Close reefed Topsails Sounded and
Got bottom at 3 oclock this morning 90 f.
this forenoon it died away calm at at
12 M. took a light breeze from the S W
which is still blowing at the rate of 4
knots if it continues we shall probably make
the land (or lights) at 11 oclock or there-
about, Common chance we shall be in by
12 oclock to morrow but the way we have
had the winds the last 4 days it is
very doubtful the land at 5 P.M. this day
was 68 Miles distant. God Speed us
Latitude 40=03 Longitude 70=14

Sunday 6th
Had a fair wind "till 9 P.M. last Evening when
it hauled out to the North again shortened sail
and stood in shore the weather was thick and
and we could not raise any lights sounded at 6 A.M
and got bottom 60 fathoms stood in "till 7 oclock
and then tacked Ship. at 8½ oclock raised
a sail which proved to be a Pilot boat we
immediatly bore a back and the Pilot came
on board and we found ourselves within 12
Miles of Long Island so that it was just in
time when she went about as it was snowing
hard and as thick as mush but a miss is
as good as a mile sometimes. we have had it
calm all day but with a Pilot hope brightens
this is nothing that will raise the Spirits of
the homeward bound Mariner like a pilot
it gives them new life even if they have been out
3 Months it is very cold and it is as much
as I can do to hold a pen so I shall give it
up latitude 4 Miles South of Block Island at 4 P.M.

— The South Sea S. S. —

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Oh! the whale is free of the boundless
He lives for a thousand years;
He sinks to rest on the billow's breast
Nor the roughest tempest fears.
The howling blast as it hurries past.
Is music to lull him to sleep;
And he scatters the spray in his boisterous play
As he dashes the King of the deep.
Oh! the rare old whale, mid storm and gale
In his ocean home will be.
A Giant in might, where might is right.
!!! And King of the boundless sea !!!

2

A wondrous tale could the rare old whale
Of the mighty deep disclose,
Of the skeleton forms of bygone storms,
And of treasures that no one knows.
He has seen the crew, when the tempest blew.
Drop down the slippery deck,
Shaking the tide from the glassy side,
And sporting with ocean and wreck.
!!! Then the rare old whale mid storm an

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Then the whale will be still dear to me
When the midnight lamp burns dim;
For the Student's book, and his favourite nook
Are illuminated by the aid of him;
From none of his tribe could we ever imbibe
So useful, so blessed a thing.
Then we'll on land go hand in hand.
To hail him the Ocean King.
Oh! the rare old whale, mid storm and
In his ocean home will be,
A Giant in might, where might is ri
And King of the Southern sea

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The Loss of the Gratitude – The following are particulars in relation to Barks Gratitude, of this port previously reported by telegraph, lost in the Artic

In endeavoring to get West of Capes Lisburn to lay between the ice and land, where she would be protected from capture by the Shenandoah; on the night of July 2nd in company with barks Cape Horn Pigeon and Merlin was 60 miles West of Cape Lisburn and at 10 P.M. it coming on thick, put the vessel under short sail and placed a lookout on the bow to watch for ice – at ½ a.m it was suddenly discovered but on account of an unfavorable current, it was impossible to clear the berg and the ship was struck on each bow, staving

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in her bow 6 feet below the water line. Sail was put on to force her through into smooth water which was successful. Started the pumps but it was found impossible to free her. the water being up to between decks and the ship drifting into the ice again. The officers and crew then took to the boats with only necessary clothing and some bread. The boats had scarcely left her when the ship went into the ice and was soon lost sight of. The boats soon reached the Cape Horn Pigeon and shortly after the men were distributed among the different ships. The gratitude [illegible] taken & shown, making a large quantity of bone.

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